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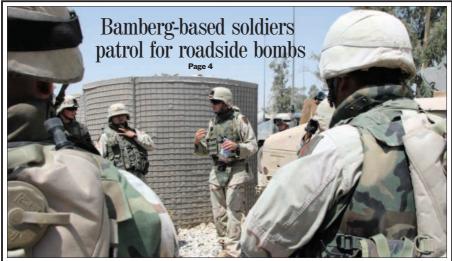
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Radical cleric vows fight to the death

Al-Sadr loyalists, U.S. troops clash in Najaf for fifth day Page 3



Sgt. Michael Davis, center, gives a safety briefing Saturday to soldiers from Company C, 82nd Engineer Battalion, out of Bamberg, Germany, at Forward Operating Base Gabe, Iraq. The soldiers, from the 3rd and 4th platoons, were about to patrol "Blue Babe Highway" in search of roadside bombs.

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States

California wildfires: Firefighters on Sunday battled to contain several wildfires that blackened thousands of acres and forced scores of people to evacuate their California homes.

A new fire moved rapidly through thick brush in Riverside County, charring 350 acres and triggering evacuations as it threatened an unknown number of houses in the tiny desert community of Anza, about 110 miles southeast of Los Angeles. About 300 firefighters and nine aircraft battled the blaze in heat that reached 112 degrees. It was 75 percent contained Sunday night.

Nearly 700 firefighters converged on another blaze in the Angeles National Forest that had burned 1,330 acres near the Los Angeles suburb of Castaic and destroyed two outbuildings. The firefighters faced temperatures of nearly 100 degrees. The fire, reported Saturday afternoon, was fully contained late Sunday.

Church abuse scandal: The sexual abuse crisis in the Roman Catholic Church has focused primarily on molestation by priests, but in Louisville, Ky., two dozen people are now suing an order of nuns that staffed an orphanase decades are.

The initial Kentucky lawsuit against the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth was brought by seven plaintiffs on July 15, just over a year after 243 people reached a \$25.7 million abuse settlement with the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Some plaintiffs have accused the Rev. Herman J. Lammers of molesting or raping them. He served as the resident chaplain at St. Thomas-St. Vincent Orphanage, which the sisters ran from 1952 until it closed in 1983. Lammers died in 1986. But there are also allecations against about a dozen nuns.

Almost all the plaintiffs, ages 38 to 72, are women who claim the sisters molested and beat them while they lived at the orphanage 'As women, they should want to protect children,' said 30-year-old Landa Mauriel lo-Vernon of Hamden, Connecticut, who has an unrelated lawsuit pending against a nun and the Catholic school she attended in New Eneland.

World

1986 Berlin disco bombing: Libyan envoys opened a new round of talks Monday with German lawyers on compensation claims over a 1986 Berlin disco bombing that killed three people and injured 229 others, one of the lawyers said.

The April 5, 1986, blast at the La Belle disco, a hangout for U.S. soldiers in then-West Berlin, killed two American servicemen and a Turkish woman.

A Berlin court ruled in 2001 that the bombing was organized by the Libyan secret service and aided by the Libyan Embassy in then-communist East Berlin. It convicted four people of carrying out the bombing, and a federal court upheld their sentences last month.

Hunger in Zimbabwe: At least 125 people have died of malnutrition in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, since March, despite President Robert Mugabe's assurances that the country



Flood dangers: A child walks over a bamboo bridge in a flood-affected relief center in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Sunday. Floodwaters receded from most parts of Bangladesh on Saturday, but a major Indian dam was dangerously overflowing and 41 more deaths were reported across South Asia, taking the region's monsoon season death toll to 1,972.

has a food surplus, a newspaper reported. Bulawayo City Health Department officials reported in a local paper that 29 people

ciais reported in a local paper that 29 people died in July, 12 in June, 21 in May, and 63 in March. Bulawayo is run by the opposition Movement for Democratic Change party. Roman Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube

Roman Catholic Archbishop Pius Ncube of Bulawayo said in London last month that Mugabe was "planning to starve people into submission," to win at the polls, he said in London last month.

Bosnian mass, grave: Forensic experts said Monday they found a mass grave in the waste dump of a coal mine in eastern Bosnia, which they suspect may contain the bodies of about 350 Muslims who disappeared from a Bosnian Serb detention center during the Bosnian war.

Acting on a tip from an unidentified winness, the experts conducted a probe of the soil that revealed human remains. According to the head of the team, Amor Masovic, who spoke on Bosnian radio, the experts believe the remains could be those of Muslims who were held in a former jail in the town of Foca about 45 miles southeast of Sarajevo that was turned into a detention center by Rosnian Serbs.

Indonesian elections: An Indonesian court refused on Monday to alter the results of the country's historic presidential election, dismissing a complaint from third-place finisher Wiranto that the vote was marred.

Wiranto, a former security minister who has been accused of war crimes, alleged that widespread fraud and irregularities cost him a spot in the Sept. 20 run-off election between the two top vote-getters. He finished third behind retired general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

NATO Afghan mission: Europe's five-nation defense force took on its biggest challenge to date on Monday when its French commander took control of NATO's expanding mission to bring stability to Afghanistan.
At a ceremony in the Afghan capital, Eurocorps commander Lt. Gen. Jean-Louis Py took control of the alliance's international force for a six-month period to include Afghanistan's first post-Taliban election.

Made up of forces from Germany, France, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg, the European force relieves Canada from its turn at the head of the 6,500-strong troops drawn from NATO members and beyond.

Kosovo shooting rules: NATO-led peacekeepers have introduced new measures around Kosovo's minority areas, including shooting at would-be assailants, to improve security for residents, an alliance spokesman said Monday.

Nineteen people were killed and more than 900 injured in anti-Serb rioting in March in this U.N. administered province, where ethnic Albanians are the majority.

NATO's new system, first unveiled in the southwest of the Serbian province controlled by German peacekeepers, includes setting up signs around the minority areas in Kosovo, warning potential assailants that they are entering "a protected area," Pieper said.

Japan's war support: Two Japanese destroyers and a supply vessel left Monday for the Indian Ocean, where they will assist the U.S.-led anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan

The three ships were to help with noncombat logistics and ferry supplies and fuel for coalition forces trying to restore order in Afghanistan and hunt down militant leaders, including al-Quida chief Osama bin Laden, said Maritime Self-Defense Forces spokesman Kazuro Yamada

Tokyo's ability to back its chief ally, however, is limited to noncombat missions by its post-World War II pacifist constitution.

Japan also sent troops to southern Iraq to provide humanitarian support to help rebuild the country.

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Gitmo detainee says he joined Taliban to support his family

BY STEVENSON JACOBS The Associated Pres.

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba — In one of the long-est and most detailed testimonies before tribunal members evaluat ing the status of some 585 terror suspects, a prisoner on Monday admitted to being a Taliban body guard but said he only did it to

feed his family. Gesticulating with his shackled right hand, the 37-year-old Afghan pleaded with 44I joined the tribunal members Taliban to for about an hour before members make a living closed the session to review classifor my family. fied material. The tribunals are meant to decide I was just a whether detainees should be re-leased or remain held as "enemy small soldier. Afghan Taliban suspect combatants,'

classification that gives them fewer legal protections. All of the detainees being held

at the U.S. prison camp in Guantanamo are accused of links to Afghanistan's ousted Taliban regime or the al-Qaida terror network "I joined the Taliban to make a

living for my family," the slight, bearded man said in a prepared statement and read through a Pashto interpreter. "I was just a small soldier. I wasn't a big leader in the Taliban."

But the U.S. military says the man — held in Guantanamo Bay for more than 2 ½ years — not only fought for the Taliban on the front lines, but also served around 2000 as an acting Taliban governor in the northern Afghan

city of Mazar-e-Sharif.

The man denied that, telling the three-member panel that he and other guards mediated some community disputes for about eight months when the governor

was away visiting his family.

"We were there for eight or nine months, but we weren't actu-ally in charge," said the man, dressed in orange prison garb and with his feet shackled and chained to the floor.

> He served as a body guard for two dif-ferent Taliban governors and a senior Taliban official beginning in the late 1990s as a way support his family. He said issued a Kalashnikov rifle but never fired it

in battle. It was the 13th hearing to be heard since the military convened the Combatant Sta-tus Review Tribunals on July 30. So far, six men — three Yemenis, one Saudi, one Moroccan and one Iranian - have refused to an-

The military, which prohibits the media from releasing the names of the detainees, has given no reason for their absence, other than to say they have been gener-ally uncooperative.

The hearings are the first formal chance for detainees to plead their cases since they began arriving at the U.S. base in January 2002.

On Saturday, a Tunisian detain-ee testified that he was abused while in captivity in Afghanistan before being brought to the pris-



A Marine from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit participates in the fight against insurgents loyal to Mugtada al-Sadr on Thursday in the holy Shiite city of Naiaf. The photo was made available on Monday.

Amid Najaf clashes, al-Sadr vows to fight to the death

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN AL-OBEIDI

NAJAF, Iraq — A radical Shiite cleric vowed to fight to the death as his lovalists battled U.S. troops for a fifth straight day Monday. and bombings in Sunni regions outside Baghdad - including a failed attempt to assassinate a deputy governor — killed at least 10 Iraqis.

The fighting with Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia began to have economic fallout. southern oil company stopped pumping oil to the southern city of Basra — where militia-men were controlling main streets - because of threats to infrastructure, an official with the company said.

About 1.8 million barrels per day, or 90 percent of Iraq's exnorts, move through Basra, Irag's other outlet from the north to Turkey has been out of operation since early June, so a stoppage from Basra threatens to completely shut down the flow of Iraq's main money earner.

Explosions and gunfire were heard throughout the holy Shiite city of Najaf, south of the capital, the main scene of fighting hetween U.S. troops and the militiamen. As U.S. helicopters hovered overhead, troops tried to drive militiamen from a vast cemetery they have used as a base, and a U.S. tank rolled within 400 yards of Najaf's holiest site, the Imam

Najaf's governor, Adnan Zu-rufi, gave U.S. forces permission to enter the shrine compound, which is in the militia's control, a senior U.S. military official said

Seven militants were killed in Najaf since Sunday evening, an al-Sadr official said. The U.S. official estimated that 360 insurgents died in Najaf in the first four days of the battle, although al-Sadr's militia insists the toll has been far U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Friday, 922 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military oper-ations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 685 died as a result of hostile action and 237 died of nonhostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend

The British military has reported 61 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 784 U.S. servicemembers have died - 576 as a result of hostile action and 208 of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department on Friday.

The latest deaths reported

by U.S. Central Command: ■ A U.S. soldier died Saturday in a noncombat related incident in Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military: ■ No identifications were re-

Five U.S. troops have been killed in Najaf and 19 wounded, according to the military. Najaf police chief Brig. Ghalib al-Jazaari said about 20 police have been killed in the violence since Thursday

A British soldier was killed in

fighting with militiamen in Basra on Monday, the Ministry of De-fense said in London.

U.S. and Iraqi forces have been trying to rein in al-Sadr to prevent the current violence from expanding on the scale of a widespread revolt his militia launched in April, fighting for two months until a series of truces brought a relative calm.

Al-Sadr on Monday vowed to keep up the battle, rejecting calls a day earlier from interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi for the militiamen to stop fighting.

"I will continue fighting," al-Sadr told reporters. "I will remain in Najaf city until the last drop of my blood has been

"Resistance will continue and increase day by day," he said.
"Our demand is for the American occupation to get out of Iraq. We want an independent, demo-

cratic, free country."

At the same time, violence in the insurgency-plagued Sunni re-gions of Iraq continued. A suicide attacker detonated a station wagon packed with explosives Monday outside the home of Diyala province's deputy governor, Agil Hamid al-Adili, killing six policemen guarding his home

Al-Adili was wounded and taken to a military medical facility after the blast in Balad Ruz, 40 miles northeast of Baghdad. It was the latest in a campaign of insurgent attacks targeting officials in Irag's new government — seen as cooperating with Americans.

Also Monday, a roadside bomb blew up next to a bus on a main street in the town of Khalidiyah, 70 miles west of Baghdad, killing four passengers and wounding four others, officials said.

The military reported Monday that a U.S. Marine was killed in action Sunday in Anbar province, a center of Sunni insurgent vio-lence. The death brought to at least 927 the number of American servicemembers who have died

Kuwait denies detainees are on hunger strike

KUWAIT CITY - The government denied Monday that about a dozen men detained on security charges had gone on a hunger strike to protest their alleged torture.

"There was an intention to stage a hunger strike among some of them," the Interior Ministry said in a statement. "But the legal and humane treatment by the security apparatus that supervises their detention convinced them such a step use not needed." tion convinced them such a step was not needed.

Kuwait detained a number of men last month on charges of recruiting teenagers to fight the U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq.

Senator seeks inquiry into alleged abuse by Iraqis

PORTLAND, Ore. - A U.S. senator sent the Pentagon a letter Sunday seeking an investigation into a report that U.S. soldiers were ordered to abandon an effort to prevent Iraqi jailers from abusing prison-

ers.
The request from Sen. Ron Wyden, an Oregon Democrat, to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld followed a report by The Oregonian newspaper that Oregon National Guard soldiers saw dozens of Iraqi prisoners being abused on June 29, Iraq's first day as a sovereign nation after the U.S.-led invasion last year.

The newspaper reported Sunday that the guardsmen attempted to stop Iraqi jailers from abusing the prisoners but were ordered to return the prisoners to the jailers and leave.

Video reported to show Bulgarian's beheading

CAIRO, Egypt - Four masked, black-clad men who said they belong to a group that has claimed responsibility for kidnappings and kill-ings in Iraq beheaded a man identified only as a Bulgarian in a video posted on the Internet Monday. It was not clear when the video was made, and its authenticity could

not immediately be verified. Bulgarian officials said Monday they had examined the video but were "unable to identify the executed man because of the material's bad quality."

From The Associated Press

82nd engineers keep highway safe from IEDs

BY RICK EMERY Stars and Stripes

BAQOUBA, Iraq — If the 82nd Engineer Battalion soldiers are lucky, the hunt for roadside bombs can be the most boring four hours of their lives.

On Saturday, they were lucky.

The battalion's soldiers are on the road 24 hours a day in four-hour shifts, scouring "Blue Babe Highway" for the nasty homemade bombs known to soldiers as improvised explosive devices(EDD. The highway is a vital convoy route from Forward Operating Base Gabe to its resupply point at Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

The patrol involves driving back and forth along the highway, which had little traffic on Saturday, and occasionally parking to watch things.

On one of these "breaks," soldiers in the lead vehicle passed the time by telling war stories.

"We saw one IED that was made out of a 55-gallon barrel with a sign on top of it," said Sgt Joshua Staderman, of Company C, out of Bamberg, Germany. As gunner, he sits on a 2-inch-wide strap, resembling a swing.

His head and shoulders poke out of the roof so he can man the gun that sits atop the vehicle.

"It blew when we got close to it, and a piece of shrapnel came in at the bottom of the rear passenger door (under the vehicle's armor), shot across the Humvee and cut a chunk out of the driver's calf."

Sgt. Michael Davis, the vehicle commander, has been luckier. He hasn't been hit by an IED, but had a close call with a rocket-propelled grenade, he said. The driver, Pfc. Sergio Sanchez, is a tank driver from 2nd Battalion, 63rd Armor Regiment, out of Vilseck, Germany. He is attached to Company C.

"Insurgents learned a long time ago that IEDs don't do anything to our tanks," Sanchez said. "They don't even try any-

Three vehicles back, the fourth and last in the convoy, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Patterson, the 3rd Platoon sergeant, is testing the theory that lightning — in the form of road-side bombs — won't strike the same vehi-

On Thursday, Patterson's vehicle was hit by a bomb while he was on one of these patrols. The heat of the blast melted the ballistic window and pushed it inward. It didn't break, however. The blast also sent jagged pieces of metal into the tires, flattening both on the passenger side, and into the air

conditioner, damaging it beyond repair.
The blast also sprayed minute pieces of shrapnel that struck the gunner, who had minor injuries to his face and returned to

duty the next day, Patterson said.

Patterson's vehicle was towed back to

The one-month-old Humvee was repaired overnight, except for the air conditioning, and put back on the road.

"We went right back out the next day," Patterson said, about 30 minutes before the patrol went out Saturday. "We've learned to put a lot of faith in the up-armored Humvees."

"The IED was in a hole that was still there from another explosion," Patterson said. "We see that a lot. What we really look for out there is holes in the road where bombs can be hidden, or any kind of wire



RICK EMERT/Stars and Strip

Command Sgt. Maj. John Gioia, 82nd Engineer Battalion, stands next to his Humvee, scarred by shrapnel, last week. Soldiers from his battalion conduct patrols in search of roadside bombs on the same roadway, known as "Blue Babe Highway," where the damage to his vehicle was caused in June.

n the road."

As the patrol begins to roll again, the only sound is the loud engine of the Humvee. The windows are closed to keep shrapnel out: the heat is stifling.

Sanchez and Davis scan the road to the front and their respective sides.

Staderman scans the perimeter to the front and both sides. The hum of the engine seems to melt away and the silence becomes almost maddening. Every vehicle is

suspect, as is every mound of dirt on the road's shoulder. At any moment, the si-lence could give way to the next explosion. It would seem these bomb hunters would be as skittish as wild cats. But their nerve has steeled over the past five

"We aren't jumpy anymore," Staderman said. "We were jumpy as hell when we first got here. Not anymore."

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2nd ID soldiers outfitted with state-of-the-art gear

BY SETH ROBSON Stars and Stripes

CAMP BUEHRING, Kuwait — Christmas came early last week for 2nd Infantry Division soldiers in the Middle East.

The soldiers, en route to Iraq with the division's 2nd Brigade Combat Team — the "Strike Force" — each got \$1,400 or more worth of state-of-the-art equipment as part of the Army's Rapid Fielding Initiative, which gives soldiers the latest in battle clothing and fighting gear.

Maj. Kevin Korcheck, of the Nevada Army National Guard, played Santa. He handed out the gear but did not bother dressing up in a red suit, something that would have been foolish in the Ill-degree F heat at Camp Buehring, where the Strike Force is preparing for its Iraq mission. The equipment issued to each

solier included two pairs of boots (for winter and summer). Wiley X sunglasses, goggles, sports bras for the women, T-shirts, gloves, socks, winter underwear, a polar fleece jacket, an advanced combat helmet, a Modular Lightweight Load Carrying Equipment vest and a Gerber multitool.

Some soldiers got additional specialized equipment such as telescopic sights and flashlights that attach to their weapons.



SETH ROBSON/Stars and Stripes

A soldier from 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, tries on a pair of Willey X sunglasses issued to him at Camp Buehring, Kuwait.

"It is equipment that is geared toward this theater. It is stuff soldiers normally buy for themselves," Korcheck said.

Pfc. Adrian Cedillo of Company B, 1st Battalion, 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment had his arms full of new gear as he stood with other soldiers collecting equipment in a tent at Camp Buehring on Saturday morning. His favorite new piece of equipment is the "ACOG," or Advanced Combat Optical Gunsight, for his M-4 rifle, he said.

"It doesn't use batteries like my old sight and it is four times as powerful," he said.

The soldiers said many of them bought their own sights before they came to the desert.

- Andrew Mizera of Company C,

2nd Forward Support Battalion, bought his own NC-Star telescopic sight for his M-16 before he left South Korea.

The sight cost \$100 from johnmason.com, he said.

"I can hit a target out to 500 yards away with this. Without it, my range is only 300 yards," he Another 2nd FSB soldier, Pfc. Sacarra Pusey, said the new Kevlar helmet, which features a reversible cover that changes from green to tan, is her favorite piece of new equipment.

"It is much lighter and more comfortable than my old helmet,"

Pfc. Arthur Waddle, a mechanic with 2nd FSB, preferred the Gerber, which is the third multitool the young soldier has owned. The first was a Leatherman, he ead

"I broke that pretty quick," he tid.

Next came his first Gerber that

Next came his first Gerber that survived being run over by a truck but got lost.

Waddle plans to put his new multitool to good use.

"You can do a lot of stuff with it. You can take apart a HMWV (High Mobility Wheeled Vehicle) with a Gerber," he claimed.

Pvt. Jacob Hinds, also of 2nd FSB, said the new equipment is the sort of items, along with portable DVD players and lap-top computers, that many soldiers might have spent their last paycheck on in South Korea.

However, he was surprised to get the winter clothing, given the hot conditions in the Middle East.

"It must get cold where we are going," he said.

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U.S. to temper approach in Afghan interactions

BY STEPHEN GRAHAM The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — The top U.S. general in Afghanistan promised to tone down his troops' aggressive search for Taliban-led insurgents after a meeting with President Hamid Karzai, the militany said Monday.

tary said Monday.

Already fending off allegations of prisoner abuse, Lt. Gen. David Barno agreed that his men would try to kick down less doors and cuff fewer bewildered villagers to ease resentment and foster goodwill a military spokesman said.

will, a military spokesman said.

"The coalition recognizes that
forces are guests in Afghaniten" Mai South Nelson and

stan," Maj. Scott Nelson said.
Nearly three years after the
Sept. 11, 2010, attacks, the U.S.
military is still searching for
al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden
and Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar, but Nelson said
the new tactics would in no way
hamper the hunt for militants.



Lt. Gen. David Barno

The changes will "improve Afghan and coalition cooperation in ridding the country of terrorists," he said

Local leaders have long complained of Americans and allied Afghan militiamen sweeping through villages in the dead of night, leaving a trail of wrecked property, trampled customs and unfair detentions

Rights groups warn the heavy-handed tactics may have caused unnecessary deaths and stoked sympathy for Taliban rebels who continue to defy the currently 18,000-strong force under Barno's command.

Anti-American leaflets earlier this year depicted a male U.S. soldier searching under a woman's all-encompassing burqa — a deep offense under Afghanistan's conservative Islamic mores.

The military has bristled at such criticism in the past, pointing out that, more than two years after the hardline Islamic regime's ouster, Afghanistan remains a war zone. Two U.S. soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb on Saturday.

But Barno agreed to soften their approach after Karzai called him to his Kabul palace on Wadwoodey

called him to his Kabul palace on Wednesday. The agreement was "very positive," presidential spokesman

Jawed Ludin said.

Barno said his forces would consult local officials and tribal elders before starting sweeps.

Troops would return seized materials, receive training in "local customs and courtesies" and get elders to ask residents to open their doors before troops force their way in.

The U.S. commander also agreed to a raft of measures relating to prisoners — another sore issue since the scandal over abuse of detainees in Iraq drew fresh attention to complaints of mistreatment in Afghanistan.

The military will fund reconstruction projects in areas where people were detained and subse-

quently released; Afghans will be told to go to the international Red Cross for information on prisoners; and a new Afghan-U.S. body will "resolve detainee issues," Nelson said

Nelson said.

The U.S. military is investigating several allegations that prisoners were abused in its custody in Afghanistan, including at least four deaths. Others say they were

beaten and sexually abused.

The prison review and pledge to respect Afghan customs come as the military deepens its involvement in relief operations and providing security for the country's October presidential election.

American troops are focusing on the troubled south and east, leaving NATO-led troops to cover the capital and the north.

Twelve election workers and guards have died so far, all in the south and east of the country where guerrillas launch frequent attacks.

Afghanistan's Taliban maintain grip rooted in fear

Ousted regime still intimidates with threats of violence for registering to vote, helping U.S.

BY KEITH B. RICHBURG

The Washington Post

PARLAY, AFGHANISTAN

ifullah is just 14 years old,
but he knows enough to be
afraid to bring tea.

"If anybody sees me

am helping the coalition forces," he said softly to a small group of U.S. soldiers and a reporter. "I'm afraid of the Taliban."

The Tailban guerrillas usually come out at night, walking from the other side of the mountain, Stullah said. They have long beards and usually dress in white, with big black or white turning the student of the studen

And they come with a message:

Do not help the Americans and their allies fighting in Afghanistan, and do not register to vote in the Oct. 9 presidential election, or you and your family will be killed.

Here in the northeast corner of Kandahar province, still considered a Taliban stronghold more than 21/2 years after the repressive Islamic movement was ousted from power, Sifullah's story was corroborated over and over by an old man who fled to a nearby village after receiving threats, by a 16-year-old who was held for five hours while the Talihan searched for his older brother, and by a local militia commander whose brother was killed by the Taliban and who now works closely with U.S. forces.

Taliban fighters are abundant in the mountains, they all agree. When U.S. forces are in the

area, the guerrillas emerge, staging hit-and-run attacks before disappearing back into the rock-strewn landscape.

U.S. troops say their battle against the Taliban is a classic guerrilla war against an elusive foe who refuses to show his face.

"They're scared," said Capt. Brian L. Peterson, commander of Alpha Troop, a reconnaissance and surveillance unit of the 37 Squadron, 4th Cavalry Regiment of the 25th Infantry Division, based in Honollul. "We've got to pry them out of the rocks to come out and fight."

"They know the air power that we command is devastating for them if they try to mass in number, so they are comfortable working at the small-unit level," said Staff Sgt. Joe Schoch, 29, a member of a long-range surveillance team. He added: "The tactic they are using right now is either hit-and-run or bait-and-ambush.



The Washington Post/LATWP

Members of the Afghan national army, trained by U.S. Special Forces, patrol earlier this year in the country's south, where Taliban guerrillas remain active. U.S. troops say their battle against the Taliban is a classic guerrilla war azainst an elusive foe who refuses to show his face, vet still manages to evoke fear in the locals.

As soon as the choppers come, they're dropping their weapons and picking up their goats."

The biggest problem, U.S. soldiers and residents here say, is that as soon as the Americans leave, the Taliban will return. "We are happy that you guys are here," said Sifullah, who wore a green traditional Afghan shirt that was stained and dirty, a cap and black sandals. "But we are worried when you go back. They will ask with we were talking to coalition forces, and who helped

Taliban tactics were underscored as Peterson's unit left Parlay on Sunday, heading back toward Kandahar. At 5 p.m., the convoy discovered the bodies of seven men close to the roadside; all apparently had been killed at close range. Most appeared to have been shot in the back of the head, with the bullet wounds exiting in front, and one seemed to have had his head bashed in.

The soldiers collected the bodies using the only two available body bags, as well as rain ponchos, and carried the corpses on the hoods of their Humves. The blood was still fresh, indicating that the attack had taken place only hours before, according to the place of their before the bodies.

The initial speculation among U.S. troops was that Taliban forces might have executed members of an anti-Taliban Afghan militia.

Local Afghan officials said they thought the men might have been killed for having voter registration cards, but no cards were found among them. The position of the bodies indicated that the men might have been trying to flee their attackers.

At 6.30 p.m., word flashed over the soldiers' radios that a smaller contingent of 20 U.S. troops left behind at Parlay, the Third Platoon of Alpha Troop, had come under a brief but intense ambush by suspected Taliban attackers firing small arms, mortars and rocket-propelled grenades. No U.S. soldiers were reported hurt in the ambush, in which the atmounts and 15 RPCs.

The ambush appeared timed to coincide with the departure of the main force of Alpha Troop solders Sunday morning, and the tactic of ambushing and retreating was familiar to these soldiers. "That's what they do," said Staff Sgt. Sean Shirey of Culver City, Calif. "They won't come out and



Bush aides: U.S. disrupted terror plans

Al-Qaida reportedly considered divers, boats for attack on New York

BY DEB RIECHMANN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House officials are optimistic that the recent arrests of suspected terrorists and the seizure of detailed surveillance of financial buildings has undermined plans to attack the United States.

And they suggested, in television talk shows Sunday, some of the potential plots uncovered in the past week may have been part of a broader effort to strike the country before the November election.

"I certainly think that by our actions now that we have disrupted it," Frances Fragos Townsend, President Bush's homeland security adviser, said on "Fox News Sunday." "The question is, have we disrupted all of it or a part of it? And we're working through a investigation to uncover that."

But Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said that based on the information he'd seen, he believes the Bush administration may have overstated the immediacy of the threat of an attack.



Frances Fragos Townsend

"I have not seen any hard evidence that there was an active moment that was contemplated in the very near term," Biden said Monday on NBC's "Today" show. "If there was a smoking gun that said we know for certain that was going to occur. I didn't see it."

In cooperation with U.S. intelligence agencies, authorities in Pakistan and Britain have detained suspected al-Qaida operatives,

suspected ai-Qaida operatives, while computer files uncovered in Pakistan contained surveillance information of five prominent financial sites in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J. The administration issued a terror alert based on that information.

Townsend said it is not clear how much has been uncovered about a potential plot around the presidential election. "This certainly looks like it was a piece of it," she told CBS' "Face the Na-

Besides the financial sites, counterterrorism officials have said other places have been mentioned as possible targets. Aske whether they included the Capitol and members of Congress, Townseen replied: "Yes, in the past and as part of this continuing threat stream."

"We may see additional U.S. targets," she said. "It's hard to judge that now until we have a better sense of what we see out of Great Britain, Pakistan and this arrest over the weekend in the United Arab Emirates." Included in information ob-

included in information to tained on three laptop computers and 51 discs seized in a July 3 raid in Pakistan were estable raid in Pakistan were estable of using speed boats and divers to carry out attacks in New York harbor before the November election, Time magazine reported, quoting an unidentified U.S. law enforcement official.

The plotters also were considering the use of helicopters in some New York operations, Time said.

A senior Pakistani al-Qaida operative who formerly ran one of the terror group's training camps in Afghanistan was arrested in the UAE and has been handed over to Pakistani officials.

To act quickly on recommendations from the commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California has urged Speaker Dennis Hastert, R.III, to call a special session of Congress. Hastert said House committees are working on the recommendations, with hearings this week.



Pervez Musharraf

Pakistan valued in war on terrorism

BY KEN GUGGENHEIM The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pakistan has again proved it is the single-most crucial player in the war on terror: the site of an al-quain ring that was targeting this country and led to the raising of the terror alert, and the nation whose cooperation is needed most to make arrests happen.

The commission that investigated the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks said it flatly: The role of Pakistan in the struggle against Islamic terrorism can't be overstated.

All this has many critics wondering if the Bush administration is pressing Pakistan hard enough to fight terror and extremism, or if a country wavering on the edge of chaos could be pushed to do more

They worry the administration may be ignoring a time bomb — and a nuclear time bomb at that.

and a nuclear time bomb at that. To assure Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf's support aal-Qaida, they say, the administration hasn't pressed him enough nighting nuclear proliferation. Nor has it pushed him on Pakistan's lack of democracy, its poor human rights record — or its extremist-teaching schools.

Some fear those factors could lead to turmoil in Pakistan resulting in America's worst nightmare: a hostile, nuclear-armed Islamic state.

For U.S. policy-makers, it's adilemma: How far can they go in seeking changes in Palaistan without alienating Musharraf or driving his shaky government to the brink of collapsee "Our relationship with Pakistan is probably the most complex of that of any country," said California Rep, Tom Lantos, the top Democrat on the House International Relations Committee.

Pakistan has been seen as one of President Bush's successes.

The Sept. 11 commission described Musharraf's government as "the best hope for stability in Afghanistan." It also called on the United States to "make the difficult long-term commitment to the future of Pakistan." But some analysts say those

goals may be contradictory—
that U.S. support for Musharraf
may undermine America's longterm credibility in Pakistan.

Prosecutors in terror trial felt hindered by Washington

BY JOHN SOLOMON The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Behind the scenes of the first major terror trial after Sept. 11, 2001, frontline prosecutors complained bitterly they had not received needed help from the Justice Department and were prevented from introducing some of their most dramatic evidence in the courtroom, internal memos show.

As a result, jurors in the trial of four men accused of operating a terror cell in Detroit never heard testimony from an Osama bin Laden lieutenant or saw video footage of European operatives casing U.S. landmarks. Prosecutors believed both would have connected the defendants to al-Oaida.

The department's terrorism unit "provided no help of any kind in this prosecution," the U.S. Attorney's office in Detroit wrote in one memo, claiming that superiors in Washington hindered the case and sent a lawyer who chose to play basketball rather than assist prosecutors at trial.

The Detroit case ended last summer with the convictions, hailed by the Bush administration, of three men who were accused of operating a sleeper terror cell that possessed plans for attacks around the world.

A fourth defendant was acquitted, however, and only two of the four men originally arrested were convicted of terrorism charges.

Now the convictions are in jeopardy because of an internal investigation into allegations that defense lawyers were denied evidence that could have helped them.

Whatever the outcome, internal documents obtained by The Associated Press and more than three dozen interviews with current and former officials detail how the differences between Washington and the field office kept important evidence from being shown to jurors.



Major New York City landmarks — including the Brooklyn Bridge, right, and the Manhattan bridge — were filmed by al-Qaida members in 1997 as they scouted the city for potential targets. The videotape, obtained by the Associated Press, was found by Spanish authorities after a 2002 raid of an al-Qaida cell in Madrid.

"We were butting heads vigorously with narrow-shouldered bureaucrats in Washington," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino, the lead Detroit prosecutor. He now is under investigation by superiors in the capi-

"There was a series of evidence, pieces of evidence, that we wanted to get into our trial that we were unable to do. Things that would have strengthened the case immeasurably, and made the case much stronger, exponentially," Convertino told the AP.

For instance, the FBI had learned before the trial that Ibn al-Shaykh al-Libi, al-Qaida's training camp chief, told interrogators after his capture that bin Laden had authorized an attack on the Incirlik air base in Turkey where U.S. military jets flew missions over Traq for the past decade, Convertino said.

The interrogation was deemed important because the FBI found in the Detroit terror cell's apartment sketches of the same Turkish base, including flight patterns of U.S. jets. Al-Libi's testimony would have connected the Detroit defendants to a planned al-Qaida attack, Convertino said.

But, he said, al-Libi was "spirited off from Afghanistan to Egypt and we were not able to interview him or use him as a witness."

Justice officials declined comment, citing a partial gag order the trial judge has imposed in the Detroit case. But internal memos show Washington frequently criticized the Detroit prosecutors as "not adequately supervised" and providing "minimal" cooperation.

In another example, prosecutors obtained a videotape showing that an al-Qaida cell broken up by Spanish authorities in 2002 had video surveillance of the same American landmarks that were found on a video with the Detroit cell.

Prosecutors were told by superiors they could not introduce the Spanish tape unless they went through a lengthy bureaucratic process, known as the Letters Rogatory, that establishes chain of custody for foreign evidence.

With just weeks before the trial and no willingness in Washington to delay the trial, prosecutors abandoned the evidence, Convertino said.



hotos from the Front





RIGHT Col. Mike Dubie, 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing director of staff, right, shows an Iraqi fighter pilot the controls of an F-16 Falcon, Six Iraqi fighter pilots, formerly stationed at an undis-closed air base in Iraq, had lunch with American pilots and took pictures in front of an aircraft they had flown HEATHER MORRIS/U.S. AIR FORCE

ABOVE Marine Lance Cpls, Eric Smith, left, and Michael Williamson, Company K, 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, look over diet supplements while shopping at an Army and Air Force Exchange Service "rodeo" at Forward Operating Base, Asadabad in Afghanistan. Since many troops are stationed at remote bases, AAFES brings the store to them.

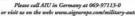
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NATO tests judge readiness of 600 Spangdahlem airmen



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Airman 1st Class Christopher Mustard, a crew chief from the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, helps Capt. James Gump, 23rd Fighter Squadron pilot, get situated into his F-16CJ aircraft prior to takeoff Monday during the NATO tactical evaluation at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany,

BY MARNI MCENTEE Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN Germany - NATO evaluators are putting some 600 Spangdahlem Air Base airmen to the test this week during an exercise to show whether the base is ready to fight alongside its allies

It's the first time the NATO tactical evaluation has been done at Spangdahlem since 1999 because the 52nd Fighter Wing has been so busy manning operations around the world, said Tech. Sgt. Mike Cass, the wing's inspections chief of Phase II — or wartime — exercises.

The wing's real-world experience, however, doesn't necessarily mean it is ready to fight alongside its NATO allies, he said.

"Most people believe that because we've been going to war in Iraq and Afghanistan, we're prepared for this. But we need to understand how we would work with different partners in NATO. A lot of time, that could cause some difficulties," Cass said.

This week's exercise focuses on performance as a deployed unit, so the airmen have created their own base — called, fictitiously, Saber Air Base - on a corner of the installation, NATO evaluators are acting as a host nation and are running all the scenarios, Cass said.

The scenarios will test operations, logistics and force protection based on NATO regulations, Cass said. Areas such as equipment use and how troops handle various weapons attacks will be graded, among other things.

Troops have done three wartime exercises to prepare for the NATO evaluation.

"We think we're ready," Cass said.

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Aircraft belonging to the Royal Air Force's Red Arrows flying team sit at RAF Mildenhall, England, during Air Fete 2000, The air show, which has brought 500,000 to the base for one weekend, has not been held since 2001. The base is considering whether it will be held in 2005.

A fete in the future?

Air show may return to Mildenhall in 2005

BY RON JENSEN Stars and Stripes

RAF MILDENHALL, England - Air show enthusiasts may see the return next year of one of Europe's largest air shows - or something similar.

The 100th Air Refueling Wing is still pondering the possibility of hosting Air Fete in 2005 after a three-year absence, although it could be smaller than the two-day event of the past that featured nearly 150 aircraft from more than a dozen nations and attracted up to 500,000 people to RAF Mildenhall

"We are planning on doing a big community relations event of some type in late spring or early summer," said Col. Richard D vereaux, the wing commander. " said Col. Richard De-

One possibility being consid ered is Air Fete, which hasn't been held since 2001 because of security concerns and operational tempo since the start of the war on terror.

Another option being considered is an event limited to residents of local villages and towns where American airmen live. That could be a small event for invitees only or a larger event with some sort of pass program that would welcome up to 20,000 residents of the local villages and

Those events would include base tours, static aircraft displays and perhaps some sort of flying show. Devereaux said.

Devereaux said a decision would have to be made no later than the end of September so planning can get underway for whatever option is picked. But, he said, it is important that the base do something to show apprecia-tion to the people who live near the base

"It always gets back to our mission," he said. "We have to be able to do our mission and the only way we can do that is with the support of the local communi-

Air Fete began in 1976 as part of the celebration of America's 200th birthday. It was held every vear, usually on Memorial Day weekend, until 1999, when it was called off during Operation Allied Force, the NATO-led effort to push the Serbs from the Kosovo province

It was held again in 2000 and 2001 with crowds reaching half a million people for the Saturday and Sunday flying and static aircraft shows

But world events have clipped the wings of Air Fete since then. Security worries and mission requirements caused the base to cancel the show that brought neople from as far away as Switzer-

Air Fete was not popular with the people who live near the base. Traffic choked the roads. Some local businesses closed for the weekend since few customers ventured out.

And security measures since the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, have caused more inconvenience for local residents. Roads have been closed in the area of RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath, causing a handful of businesses to close because their customers were unable to reach them.

"I think it is important that we do a big event here," said Devereaux, to lower barriers that have been raised between the base and the local communities.

Ken Thompson, a local businessman and member of the British-American Committee on the agreed that something should be done. "It's got to the point where it's

inside-the-fence and outside-the-fence," he said. "That's horrible. I think that's rubbish."

Devereaux said the base is talking with local governments, Suffolk County police, the Ministry of Defence and U.S. Air Forces in Europe while it considers which option will work best.

The wing must look at the potential mission tempo for next spring and early summer and consider security requirements for any event

"Cost is going to be a factor in any of the options we look at," he said.

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GI photog shooting in familiar territory

BY LISA HORN Stars and Strines

Army Sgt. Teodora Mocanu knows the value of freedom. As a child growing up in Bulgaria under the shroud of communism. she has seen what it's like to live without it. "When you are not free, you're

not allowed to express yourself the way you want to," said Mocanu, 26, a member of the Vipers Combat Camera team at the th Army Training Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

"[On TV], they would only show the American homeless people on the streets and how bad they lived," Mocanu said, referring to the two government-run TV stations and one radio station available when she was a child

Her grandfather was considered an enemy of the state because he owned property, she and sometimes people would disappear for days without reason. "[The government] just took ev-

erything ... and it wasn't just my grandfather," she added. "They just took everything from every hody to make everybody equal. When her name was randomly

selected in a U.S. government-



Bulgarian native U.S. Army Sgt. Teodora Mocanu shoots photos, not

weapons, at the Military Operations Urban Terrain course during Bul-

SGT. KRISTINE SMEDLEY/Courtesy of the LLS. A

sponsored green card lottery, Mocanu chose to follow her father

wark '04 at the Novo Selo Training Area, Bulgaria.

to Florida. He had left Bulgaria several years earlier after the 1989 fall of the communist government. In 2002. Mocanu became a IIS citizen

"I left everything that I knew [in Bulgaria]," she said. "Now, I get the opportunity to express myself, to do what I want and to see what I can achieve

Once in the States, the language barrier was easy for her to overcome. In addition to Bulgarian and English, she speaks Russian and Italian. She is learning Romanian, her husband's native

Mocanu is putting her language skills to work this summer translating and taking pictures of American and Bulgarian troops training at Bulwark '04.

Bulwark is the first and largest

exercise between the two nations since Bulgaria joined NATO in '[Bulgarian] people don't have

a lot, but they share whatever they have." she said. "I really hope that my country will get bet ter. Everybody wants to see the changes right away."

Mocanu knows the challenges

her country faces and hopes to continue to contribute to Bulgaria an-American relations when she begins Officer Candidate School

"I am an example that there is a chance for anybody to do well in the States," she said, "A lot of people in Bulgaria are discouraged, but the experience I've had with the Army is, if you know what you're doing and you are professional at your job, then your dreams can come true.

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Bush vows to oppose Iran's nuclear goals



ET THE PRESS

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice talks about the Bush administration's concerns over Iran's unclear program on NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. Rice said the world should be "worried and suspicious" and must not let Tehran produce a nuclear weanote.

BY DEB RIECHMANN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush vowed Monday to keep pressuring Iran to give up its nuclear ambitions, but he tempered his tough words with talk of diplomacy, countering Democrats who say he takes a go-it-alone approach on the world stage.

"Iran must comply with the demands of the free world, and that's where we sit right now," Bush said. "My attitude is that we've got to keep pressure on the government, and help others keep pressure on the government — so there's going to be universal condemnation of illead weapons activities."

Bush stressed U.S. efforts to work with other nations to make sure the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency asks Iran "hard questions" about its weapons activities. "Foreign ministers of Germany, France and Britain have gone in as a group to send a message on behalf of the free world," he said.

For 3½ years, the administration has insisted to a largely disbelieving world that Iran was developing a dangerous nuclear capability. The administration is contending now that its doggedness is paying off.

Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, had said Sunday that the world finally is "worried and suspicious" over the Iranians' intentions and is determined not to let Tehran produce a nuclear weapon.

In appearances on two nationally broadcast interview shows, she would 44I think we've finally now got the world community to a place ... that it is worried and suspicious of the Iranian activities. !!

Condoleezza Rice

U.S. national security adviser not say whether the United States would act alone to end the program if the administration could not win inter-

national support.

For its part, Iran said Monday the international community has no reason to be suspicious about its nuclear ambitions, despite allegations by the United States that it is trying to produce nucleary weapons.

"Iran has not violated any of its commitments to international treaties in its nuclear program," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi was quoted as saying by the official Islamic Republic News Agency.

Kharrazi announced a week ago that his country had resumed building nuclear centrifuges. He said at the time that his country was retaliating for the West's failure to force the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency to close its file on possible Iranian violations of nuclear nonproliferation rules. But Kharrazi also said Iran was not resuming enrichment of uranium, which requires a centrifuge. He said that Tehran had restarted manufacturing the device because Britain, Germany and France had not stopped the investigation by the International Atomic Enersy Agency. or IAEA.

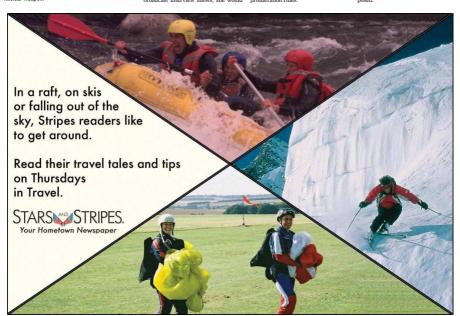
At one point on Monday, Bush started to say that the United States got Iran to sign an agreement that would permit inspections, but then quickly corrected himself to say the "world" got the Iranians to sign a protocol to allow site inspections.

Rice, appearing on CNN's "Late Edition," said, "The United States was the first to say that Iran was a threat in this way, to try and convince the international community that Iran was trying, under the cover of a civilian nuclear program, to actually bring about a nuclear weapons program."

"I think we've finally now got the world community to a place, and the I(IAEA) to a place, that it is worried and suspicious of the Iranian activities," she said. "Iran is facing for the first time real resistance to trying to take these

Bush, in his 2002 State of the Union address, included Iran with North Korea and Iraq in an "axis of evil" dedicated to developing nuclear and other weapons of mass destruction.

Since then, North Korea has publicly resumed its nuclear development program. In Iraq, invading U.S.-led forces have found no such programs after President Saddam Hussein was deposed.



Steam leak at nuke plant in Japan kills 4

Seven others injured after pipe bursts at Mihama facility

fered minor injuries

BY MARI YAMAGUCHI The Associated Press

MIHAMA, Japan — Japan suffered its deadliest nuclear power plant accident Monday when a bursting pipe killed at least four workers and injured seven in another blow to the industry in an energy-poor country already worried about nuclear plant safety.

No radiation was released when the boiling water and

steam exploded from a cooling pipe at the plant in Miha-ma, a small city about 200 miles west of Tokyo.

But the steam leak followed a string of safety lapses and cover-ups at reactors, and Prime Minister Junichiro Koi-zumi vowed to launch a thorough investigation into the accident. Fears about the safety of the country's 52 nuclear power plants soared in 1999, when a radiation leak north-east of Tokyo killed two workers and exposed hundreds to

Monday's leak was caused by a lack of cooling water in the reactor's turbine and perhaps by significant metal ero sion in the condenser pipe, said the plant's operator. Kan-

The pipe's wall, originally 10 mm thick, had become as thin as 1.5 mm in the 28 years since the reactor was con-

After the accident, Kansai Electric officials found a hole in the pipe that was believed to be the source of the leak. They did not say how big the hole was.

The water flowing through the pipe at the time of the accident was about 300 degrees Fahrenheit, said Akira Kokado, deputy plant manager.

Four workers died after suffering severe burns. Of the seven injured workers, two were in critical condition. three were in serious condition and the remaining two suf-

"The ones who died had stark white faces," said Yoshihiro Sugiura, the doctor who treated them at the Tsuruga City Hospital.

This shows they had rapidly been exposed to heat. All the workers were employees of Kiuchi Keisoku Co.

an Osaka-based subcontractor of Kansai Electric. They were all inside the turbine building to prepare for reg inspections of the plant, which began operating in 1976.

Government officials said there was no need to evacuate the area surrounding Mihama, a city of 11.500.

Yosaku Fuji, president of Kansai Electric, apologized for the accident as he bowed deeply before reporters at a televised news conference.



Steam hillows from the facility where a steam leak occurred Monday at the No. 3 reactor of the Mihama Nuclear Power Plant at Mihama, Japan.

Welfare, budget issues halt Israel coalition talks

BY MARK LAVIE The Associated Press

JERUSALEM Sharon, the hawk, and Shimon Peres, the dove, agree on Israel's need to pull out of Gaza, but an alliance between their parties was held up Monday by a sharp disagreement over whether Israel should be a welfare state

Coalition negotiations broke up over the 2005 state budget and welfare cuts. No further talks were scheduled, hinting at

Sharon lost his parliamentary majority in June, alienating his right-wing constituency with his plan to pull all Israeli settlers out of Gaza and evacuate four small West Bank settlements.

Sharon, who spent decades ex-panding Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, was forced to turn for support to Labor Party leader Peres, who favors giving up most of the territories in exchange for peace.

Peres is seen by hard-liners in Sharon's Likud Party as the epitome of defeatism, insisting

on negotia with tions the Pales tinians despite four years deadly violence Labor activists ists vie Sharon's view sudden push to uproot some of the settle-

ments he helped build with utmost suspicion

Peres said Sunday that Sharon has accepted his main demands about the Gaza pullback, including a detailed timetable and the possibility of nego-tiating with the Palestinians.

The two parties are deeply divided on domestic issues as well

Likud, following the lead of Finance Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, has been pushing a reorganization of Israel's welfare and public sector-based economy, slashing benefits while providing tax cuts to upper echelons to stimulate the economy

Labor, which held power for three cades after Israel's cre ation has

1948 discarded its socialist philosophy but still ad vocates heavy government spending as a safety net for Isra-

ment is over 10 percent.

Labor rejects Netanyahu's efforts to try to force welfare recipients to work by cutting benefits, at a time when unemploy-

A recent government survey indicated 14 percent of Israel adults have scaled back on essential food and medicine be cause of economic difficulties the Haaretz daily reported Monday

Coalition talks broke down Monday over the state budget Netanyahu is proposing. Labor insists that Sharon's Cabinet postpone a vote on the budget, set for Sunday, but Sharon has refused

"We can't vote for a budget which we had no part in formu-lating," said Dalia Itzik, a Labor negotiator. Sharon's representatives are

also negotiating with ultra-Orthodox Jewish parties to expand his coalition, but he needs Labor for a stable government that would back his Gaza pullout plan.

"If they want a government that supports disengagement, they can't do it without us," Peres said Monday, referring to the Gaza pullout.

Army vets give Israel advantage in Paralympics

44 They have nothing to lose.

What they had to lose, they

already lost — their eyes,

their hands or their legs.

Now all they have to do is

win. I help them

with this !!

BY LAURIE COPANS The Associated Press

TEL AVIV. Israel - Almost two decades ago, Israeli army veteran Yizhar Cohen lost his sight in a land mine blast in south Lebanon.

He was 23 and had never even considered competitive sports. Today, the 41-year-old is

an accomplished swimmer, going for his seventh medal at the Paralympics in Athens Cohen and other veter-

ans have been giving Israel a significant edge in these competitions, which are held every four years and follow the Olympics.
Thousands of young sol-

diers have been injured in Israel's wars and have given the country of 6.6 million a disproportionately large number of disabled

athletes who have won hundreds of medals at the Paralympics. This year's competition begins Sept. 17 in Athens. Cohen was an army lieutenant and deputy com-

mander of a unit in south Lebanon when he was injured in 1985. The land mine blew a hole in his shoulder, shattered his left eye and badly damaged his right eye

After eight operations he was told he would not

Physical therapists sent him to the pool, hoping that swimming would help him regain confidence in his hody

Cohen became a competitive swimmer, saying it helped him find a new outlet for his ambitions. As soon as you are wounded, you say that your

body has betrayed you," said Cohen, petting his golden retriever, Puffy, after

one of nine weekly training sessions at a Tel Aviv pool. "What brings back the trust in your body is swim-ming. You gather your strength and you succeed."

Three Israeli swimmers traveling to Athens Cohen, Ziv Better and Hanoch Budin - were wounded in Lebanon, either in Israel's last major war in 1982 or during service in a zone Israel occupied there

until 2000 to prevent Israeli Paralympic coach cross-border raids. Their coach, Noah Ram, trained top Israeli swimmers for 40 years, but last year began working with the country's best disabled athletes. He said his new

charges are more motivated and disciplined. "They have nothing to lose," said Ram, "What they had to lose, they already lost — their eyes, their

Noah Ram

Now all they have to do is win. I help them with

Saudi dissenter trial

RIYADH. Saudi Arabia Three advocates of democratic reform in Saudi Arabia appeared in court Monday, charged with an array of offenses arising from criticism of the kingdom's political and religious life.

In an unprecedented move, the hearing was open to the public and about 200 people attended, including women who were given segregated seating at the back. Normally Saudi trials are held behind closed doors.

The defendants - Matrouk al-Faleh. Ali al-Dimeeni and Abdullah al-Hamed - were charged with sowing dissent, creating political instability, printing political leaflets and using the media to incite people against the government, according to two political activists who attended

The activists, Abdul Rahman al-Lahem and Ibrahim al-Mugaiteeb, said the three asked the judge for two weeks to study the indictment. The judge granted their request

Defendant al-Hamed told the iudge he wanted an independent judicial inquiry to look into the case, the activists said.

Al-Hamed said that under current Saudi procedures, judges report to the Justice Ministry, which falls under the Interior Ministry.

The judge replied he will listen to both sides and that the defendants should voice all their concerns, the activists said.

The defendants are the last remaining detainees of a group of 13 reformist intellectuals who were arrested on March 17. In newspapers and on television, they had criticized the kingdom's strict religious environment and slow pace of reform.

Deep drop discovered

ZAGREB, Croatia - Cave explorers discovered a pit inside a mountain range in central Croatia believed to have the world's deepest subterranean vertical drop, at over 1,600 feet, a scientific institute reported Monday.

The cave, in Croatia's mountainous Velebit region, has a steady, weaving drop of 203 feet before it takes a direct vertical plunge of 1,693 feet through the ground, said Ana Sutlovic Baksic, a researcher at the Velebit Speleological Society.

The cave's widest stretch is about 98 feet.

From The Associated Press

IN THE STATES

Nichols gets 161 life terms in '95 bombing

BY TIM TALLEY The Associated Press Cites God, seeks forgiveness for Oklahoma City deaths

McALESTER, Okla. - Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols was sentenced Monday to life without the possibility of parole for his role in the worst act of domestic terrorism in U.S. history. Addressing a court for the first time, he read a statement citing God and asking forgiveness

"My heart truly goes out to all the victims and survivors and to everyone who was affected by the Oklahoma City bombing," Nichols said. "Words cannot adequately evoress the sorrow I have felt

have all suffered."

District Judge Steven Taylor ordered Nichols to serve the life term on each of 161 counts of first-degree murder and that the sentences run consecutively

Nichols had already been sentenced to life without parole in 1998 on federal bombing charges; Monday's sentence was on the state murder counts. Nichols was snared the death nenalty on the state counts when jurors could

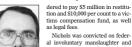
Nichols, 49, never testified during his state and federal trials and said nothing after he was convicted in federal court. Monday he asked for forgiveness, asked "evervone to acknowledge God.

But Taylor called Nichols a "ter-"Your criminal acts in rorist " this case are historic in proportion," Taylor said. "No American citizen has ever brought this kind of devastation, you are in U.S. history the No. 1 mass murderer in

What could motivate vou to this? There are no

answers Nichols received years and a \$5,000 fine for a conspir

acy count; 35 years and a \$25,000 fine for first-degree arson and was or-



Nichols was convicted on federal involuntary manslaughter and conspiracy charges for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers who were among the 168 victims killed during the April 19, 1995, bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building. The state charges were for the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus

FBI warns N.Y. City of copter terror threats

By KAREN MATTHEWS The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Tourists boarded helicopters for sightseeing tours of the New York area on Monday despite reports that al-Qaida has considered using tour copters in terrorist attacks.

The FBI sent two bulletins Friday night to police and other government officials nationwide. The first warned of a possible helicopter threat in a U.S. city.

"Al-Qaida has apparently considered the use of helicopters as an alternative to recruiting operatives for fixed-wing aircraft," said the bulletin.

The second bulletin warns that terrorists also have considered using rental vehicles, rental limousines, to conceal powerful bombs.

Limos have a larger storage capacity than cars, and they might be able to gain access to locations in a building, such as a parking garage, that would be denied to other vehicles because "they often convey an impression or authority or prestige." the FBI

Both bulletins urge extra vigilance by people who operate car and truck rental businesses and those who handle airport security.

The FBI repeated the government's concern that al-Qaida intends to attack the United States before the Nov. 2 election

Law enforcement officials in New York said the only report they had received linking helicopters to potential terror attacks was that evidence recovered in Pakistan showed terror suspects may have taken a helicopter ride to gather information.

They said they knew of no plans to use heliconters



A New York Police Department truck from the 75th precinct is parked outside a heliport as a helicopter prepares to land on Monday in New York.

as weapons: "There's no indication of that." New York Police Department chief spokesman Paul Browne said

Some law enforcement experts believe that with relatively complex controls and smaller payloads than a single-engine plane, helicopters make an un-

likely tool for terrorism, officials said. "There's indication they've looked at helicopters but no indications they had plans to use them," said one law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "They had photographed helicopters in New York but there's still no indication of what they had in mind

Shalikashvili, former head of Joint Chiefs of Staff, in hospital

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Re-tired Army Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the early years of the Clinton administration, has been hospitalized in guarded condition at an Army hospital here, a spokesman said Monday.

Shalikashvili, 68, entered Madigan Medical Center on Saturday morning, and the family is requesting that no more information be released said Mike

Meines, a hospital spokesman. The former NATO supreme allied commander spoke at the Democratic National Conven-

Kerry for president.

"I do not stand here as a political figure," he told the convention. "Rather, I am here as an old soldier and a new Demo-

crat. Shalikashvili served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs in the Clinton administration from 1993, the year Clinton took office, until 1997, when the general retired from the Army

At a gathering honoring Shalikashvili when he retired, President Clinton pointed out that he made the recommendations that sent U.S. troops into harm's way in Haiti, Rwanda, Bosnia the Persian Gulf and a host of other world hot spots that had proliferated since the end of the Cold War. "In every conversation we

ever had," Clinton said at the time, "he never minced words, he never postured or pulled punches, he never shied away from tough issues or tough calls. and most important, he never shied away from doing what he believed was the right thing."

Shalikashvili's willingness to commit U.S. forces to crises in remote

countries if rarely ever seen on the list of "vital national interests" set him apart from his

hetter-known predecessor, Gen. Colin Pow-

Earlier, under President George H.W. Bush, Shalikashvili served as NATO's supreme allied commander and also com-mander in chief of all U.S. armed forces in Europe. At the end of the first Gulf War, he was in charge of the Kurdish relief operation in Iraq.

He came to the United States in 1952 from his native Poland when he was 16. He enlisted in the Army six years later, begin-ning his rise through the ranks.

He and his wife, Joan, moved to Steilacoom, near the Army hase south of Tacoma in 1998

Brain can be tricked to imagine pain, researchers say The findings, to be published in In the case of people who suffer

BY BYRON SPICE Pittshurgh Post-Gazette

The power of suggestion sometimes can be downright painful.

Whether someone has a burning hot probe against his hand, or is simply given the hypnotic sugges-tion that his hand is burning, the same areas of the brain are activat ed, a brain-imaging study at the University of Pittsburgh shows This confirms the notion that

the brain itself may generate pain in many cases, said the lead investigator, psychologist Stuart Der-

the journal NeuroImaging, could shed light on disorders such as chronic low back pain and fibromyalgia - problems that can frustrate both patient and physician alike because no obvious physical cause of pain can be pinpointed.

"They're feeling the pain, absolutely," said Derbyshire, an assistant professor in the anesthesiology and radiology departments of the University of Pittsburgh's medical school. "We have a lot of patients who report pain without any obvious pathology."

back pain, but have no apparent "We suspect the source of the pain is somewhere in the brain, rather than the back Derbyshire's study of eight hyp-

otized subjects doesn't prove that people with these so-called "functional pain" disorders are suffering brain-generated pain, but dem-

onstrates that it's possible.

The 34-year-old Derbyshire's inspiration can be traced to his very first experience with psychology experiments, back high school.

In the experiment, his teacher sent Derbyshire and two other students to the hallway, while the rest of the class prepared for a supposedly elaborate experiment. teacher subsequently sent a fourth student out in the hall to warn Der-

byshire and the others that the experiment would involve placing their hands in hot water

Derbyshire subsequently was blindfolded and brought into the

His hand was indeed plunged into a bucket of water - a bucket of cold water. But he could have sworn the water was boiling hot and jerked his hand away.

Ten years later, he was working on his doctorate in psychology at the University College London. His adviser, David Oakley, had taken up hypnosis and told him about hypnotizing party guests and placing a penny in their hands. When he told them it was getting hotter and hotter, they would respond with howls of pain or by dropping the penny.
"I said, 'That would be a really

cool experiment," Derbyshire re

RNC bad news for N.Y. City homeless

The Associated Press NEW YORK - J W Ballan tine, a 77-year-old homeless man, already sleeps most nights in Penn Station and eats many of his meals in neighbor-

hood soup kitchens.
But Ballantine's life is about to get much harder now that the Republican National Convention is coming to Madison Square Garden, directly on top of the train station where he usually sleeps.

Ballantine and hundreds of other homeless people like him will be moved out from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 so the convention — where President Bush will be officially nominated to run for re-election - can take place.

Security is already high in New York City, and homeless people worry that even tough people worry that even tough-er convention security will force them to the city's fringes— far from outreach workers trying to help them. It's hard to say precisely how many homeless people sleep in midtown Manhattan,

but a food pantry on West 31st Street serves 500 people a week. The Holy Apostles Soup Kitchen serves roughly 1,200 people every day. The Bread of Life Program,

a food pantry, has already an-nounced that it will close during the convention. The center will not open on Sept. 1, the Wednesday of the convention. The pantry instead will pro-vide its clients with extra food

Bush seeks bump Kerry didn't get

BY RON FOURNIER

The Associated Press WASHINGTON - With the spotlight on his candidacy, Sen.

John Kerry improved public percention of his character and qualifications but failed to shake-up the presidential race

Now, the focus shifts to President Bush — and all his hurdles to re-election

■ The Iraq war, which many Ameri-**Analysis** can voters think was

■ The economy, which a slight majority of voters

don't trust with the Republican. ■ The direction of the country, which most voters think is headed south

The tough job of changing those erceptions began the moment Kerry left his nominating conven-tion. While in Boston, a heavy emnhasis on the Democrat's sterling war record impressed male voters, according to an Associated Press poll, improving his ratings on honesty intelligence likability and even Bush's strongest issue the ability to protect the country.

But the bottom line did not change. Kerry and running mate John Edwards are essentially tied with Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney in the AP-Ipsos Public Affairs national poll. In two key swing states, Florida and New Hampshire, the Democratic ticket has opened up slight leads, according to the American Research Group.

Still, the president's advisers said they were relieved by post-convention polls, having braced themselves for party-wide panic had Kerry managed to open up a significant lead in national surveys.

"If you would have told me that

Kerry's team spun it the other way, saying there is little room for gains because too many voters have already taken sides. "When we looked at the polls, we said,

> moved the numbers we needed move,"

spokeswoman Debra DeShong said.

According to the AP-Ipsos poll 59 percent of registered voters believe the country is on the wrong track (compared with 56 percent in July), only 46 percent approve of Bush's handling of the economy (compared with 49 percent in July) and half believe it was a mistake to go into Iraq (up from 40 percent in April).

Bush is seen as stronger and more decisive than Kerry, but the Democrat is considered smarter more honest and less stubborn, ac-

Among independents, Kerry gained on Bush on the issues of optimism, inspiration and values according to the University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election Survey.

tend that Kerry made two mistakes at his convention, and they vow not to repeat them:

didn't criticize Bush enough.

though the Democrat has enough proposals to literally fill a book. Bush and his allies won't be shy about going negative against

we'd be tied coming out of his convention I would have said you're drunk or insane," Bush strategist Matthew Dowd said. "Then I would have said, 'I'll take it!'

'Great news

Kerry

cording to the AP-Ipsos poll

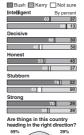
Bush and his political team con-

■ Kerry and his surrogates

■ There was relatively little about Kerry's policies,

Shaping perceptions

In a poll, 798 registered voters were asked whether each of the following adjectives described President Bush and presidential candidate John Kerry



NOTE: Survey conducted Aug. 3-5 an has a margin of error of plus or minus : percentage points. Figures may not as to 100 due to rounding.

Source: Ipsos-Public Affairs for AP

Kerry during their Aug. 30-Sept 2 convention, White House advis-ers said. The president also will

outline a second-term agenda, including some new initiatives that will be rolled out before, during or after the New York convention Bush hopes to rally Republicans with tough-on-terrorism talk and images designed to rekindle memories of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, when his response sent his approval ratings

His advisers say the tactic also will peel away some of the swing voters who moved to Kerry in July and tend to be influenced by the latest big event. Men tend to favor Bush over Kerry, thus the president could win back some of those voters.

Bush's latest television ads use warm-and-fuzzy images to tout his fight against terrorism while alluding to a rosier future.

In another attempt to reach voters in the political middle, Bush is filling his convention agenda with moderate Republicans, such as former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, as well as maverick Arizona Sen. John McCain, who remains popular with independents.

'It's probably too late to convince voters for a second time that he is a different kind of Republican," said Democratic strategist Jim Jordan, a former Kerry adviser who now runs an independent group airing ads critical of Bush. But, for the first time since the inauguration, is he making gestures to the middle? It will be hard for Bush to per-

suade skeptical undecided voters to change their minds about him, after nearly four years in office.

But it might not be any easier for Kerry to convince those same voters that change is necessary, and worth the risk, at a time of **EXCHANGE RATES**

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Kerry courts the Southwest

BY MARY DALRYMPLE The Associated Press

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. - Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, on the western leg of a coast-to-coast campaign tour, courted Hispanic and Native American voters in states that he hopes can give him a winning edge.

Kerry talked about health care, education and tribal rights through whistle-stops in New Mexico and Arizona. His wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry, sometimes added a few words in Spanish to the delight of the crowds. Kicking off a late-night rally,

Kerry pledged to invest in Native American health care before a crowd gathered in a Heritage Square.
"If there's anything that sort of

represents the fallen agenda and the confrontation with the truth in America, which is what elections are supposed to be about, it is what is happening to Native Americans in this country still," Kerry said. The western trek marks the sec-

ond half of the Democrat's visits lantic to the Pacific.

to battleground states from the At-The trip to Arizona is Kerry's third since the Democratic prima-

rv, evidence of a close battle with President Rush for Arizona's 10 electoral votes. Bush plans to camnaign in New Mexico and Arizona with Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz.. a



day after Kerry's visit. Recent nolls show Arizona tilts slightly in Bush's favor, but Kerry's campaign

the

growth the state's Hispanic population could help

shift the balance toward the Dem-The Democrats want to spend \$600 million over five years on

park maintenance, staffing and programs. The spending would be paid for with increased fees imposed on companies that buy min eral-rich government property or extract minerals from publicly owned lands.

Kerry's program for parks includes more stringent enforcement of clean air and water regulations, as well as a promise not to contract national park jobs to outside vendors.

Cents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Avoid fraud at Web auctions

CBS MarketWatch

NEW YORK - Internet auction services are a hot way to buy and sell almost anything. They're also increasingly an avenue that creative con artists use to de fraud users.

Last year, consumers logged 301.835 complaints of fraud with the Federal Trade Commission Of those, 15 percent dealt with losses from Internet auctions, and its victims cited total losses of about \$200 million or an average loss of \$195 a person.

The Internet is still a good place to shop, but there are some simple things you can do to avoid getting defrauded: Look at the listing critically. Are there mistakes in spelling or grammar? Does the description of the item contain inaccuracies? Research the item for sale to ensure you don't overbid.

Check the users' feedback rating. While advanced scams can be perpetrated by third parties using a respected buyer or seller's ID (without that person's knowledge), most often you can tell by the ratings how the user treats his business partners.

Use a method of payment that rotects both buyer and seller from fraud. If you pay via credit card, the company can back you up if there are problems with the transaction Vou might also sign up for a free account with PayPal at www.paypal.com. The online payment service offers fraud proection for up to \$500, and you can send payment from a credit card or your bank account.

If you use an escrow service for big-ticket items such as cars or heirloom jewelry, choose a firm that is nationally known. Don't rely on a seller's recommendation. Check with the American Escrow Association's Web site at www.a-e-a.org for more tips on finding a good service. If you're the seller, make sure

the buyer's payment clears be-fore you send out the item. Ten days is a safe time period. Be wary of sellers who offer to make a deal apart from the site.

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Where's the outrage?

The abuse of Iraqi prisoners by a very few individuals was terrible beyond description. There was public outrage from United States and world leaders. Politicians from every country strongly con-demned the abuses, as well they should have. Religious leaders preached on the sins of those who took part in this horrible ordeal. Soldiers were ashamed that one of their own could do something like this but knew these were just an extremely small number of very disturbed people.

The "professional" soldier (this includes all branches of the military and other agencies involved in the war on terrorism) took the hit and continued focusing on the mis sion. Let us never forget these horrible acts and strive to ensure they never happen again.

Why have no religious leader in high standing, particularly those of the Muslim faith expressed intense outrage over the kidnapping and barbaric murders of Americans and hostages from other coun-

We always hear that the Muslim faith is merciful and strictly forbids such actions and I don't doubt for one second this is true. So why isn't there a public outcry from these religious leaders

Some of the prisoners held by the Ameri cans were most certainly mistreated and there may have been one or more deaths as a result. But those cowardly psychopaths who kidnapped and intentionally murdered their victims in the cruelest fashion imaginable have heard little public criticism

Any outrageous and illegal act, regardless of who committed it, should receive public condemnation from the average person on the street to the highest govern ment and religious leader. But I guess it de pends on the religious beliefs of those who committed the atrocities.

Dennis Swain Schweinfurt

Bush won election

Passions really seem to grow in strength whenever the 2000 election is discussed. One problem is that people tend to leave out critical data to get their point across. These omissions make letters intellectually dishonest as authors try to convince others to come around to their point of view.

The author of "Refresher course on election" (July 20), while making valid points, left out important information

Were there African-Americans who were unable to vote due to mistakes made at polling places? Yes. Did this take votes away from Al Gore's final tally? Once again yes. Did George W. Bush cause these voters to be denied their right to vote? Let's look where these voter irregularities occurred. The majority of irregularities occurred in Broward, Dade, Volu-sia and Palm Beach counties in Florida.

The commissioners who oversaw the voting process just happen to have been Democrats during the 2000 election. It's a shame that Democrats caused or supervised various voter irregularities that

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seemed to have taken votes away from their candidate. How could this be Bush's

The author was also correct in saying that many recounts were taken. As recount after recount occurred, a different standard to validate a possible vote was used. After each recount Gore did narrow the gap, but he never overtook Bush's

Six months after the election the media did their own private recount (look on CNN's Web site). Using the two most com mon standards of what would be consid-ered a vote, Bush won. Using two extreme standards that have never been used before, Bush wins one way and Gore wins the other way by 22 votes — statewide recounts, not just in four counties.

Ken Emerson Vicenza Italy

Hopefuls ignore key issues

Who is the best choice, the incumbent or his opponent?

In my community, all the discussion and opinions of many regarding President Bush and Sen. John Kerry seem to be the biggest topic at our social round table. I am disappointed to having been mislead into the reasons why we went back into Iraq, yet I now know that the loss of lives and the prices paid to liberate the citizens there from a tyrant cannot go in vain. Our brave warriors have paid the ultimate sacrifice and this can never be forgotten.

Whatever the political rhetoric, our young men and women are going into harm's way every day and, regardless of who's at the helm of the White House and our government, this will continue for years to come. This is the price we pay for being the world's police force.

Why do we do so much for the world yet so little for ourselves? It's great that we'll have a newly formed intelligence center with a Cabinet-level director, strengthen our homeland security initiatives, and build a global alliance to make our world a safer place How does this equate to our domestic

frontal security approach? Do we have

one? What are we doing for the needy, the underprivileged, the homeless, the gang problems, the drug problems, the crime and violence that have entered into every city throughout America and is destroying our youth?

Once I'd like to hear the incumbent or his opponent say something about the real-world issues of our domestic problems back home and how we are going to unite a continental alliance to clean up our neighborhoods, target and eliminate the gangs, the drugs and violence problems build upon getting our youth educated and enhance the literacy rate of our nation and focus-building on family values. United we are all Americans and be-

sides the ever-present war on terror and the measures we have taken to safeguard our way of life, it's time we take care of our own as well as the rest of the world we have adopted. Tim Higgs Sr.

Seoul

Let American flag fly

With the handoff of sovereignty to the people of Iraq, I don't understand why, on a U.S. military installation, we are not permitted to fly the U.S. colors.

I see other coalition forces flying their country's flag and I enjoy seeing the many state flags displayed. I am saddened the one symbol of freedom, known around the world, is not permitted for display on a U.S. installation within Iraq - a land and people America set free. If I am wrong, correct me and tell me I

may proudly post the colors. Spc. Robert H. Davis

LSA Adder, Iraq

Tough to get helmets

I can go to the post exchange and buy the latest Polo cologne, but I can't buy a helmet to ride my motorcycle. In the Army alone, there's been an aver-

age of 111 motorcycle accidents and 16 fa-talities each year over the last 15 years (according to http://safety.army.mil).
My wife and I recently purchased a mo

torcycle. We were both excited to ride after meeting all the registration and licensing requirements, but we were stopped dead in our tracks by the difficul-ty of finding a helmet. Because the Army and Air Force Exchange Service does not carry motorcycle helmets, we were required to scour the local economy for a motorcycle shop that could provide a satisfactory helmet. It's not an easy task when you don't know the area or speak the language.

With all of the attention lately on motorcycles and motorcycle safety, I'm sur-prised that AAFES doesn't offer motorcycle safety equipment to keep soldiers and civilians safe. Especially with the return of the 1st Armored Division, the demand for helmets will increase as soldiers buy new hikes Affordable and accessible motorcycle

safety equipment should be a top priority, and AAFES is the logical provider.

Capt. Seth J. LaLiberty Heidelberg, Germany BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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OPINION

Gaza handover plan will box in Palestinians

BY DAVID NEWMAN

rime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw from Gaza has begun to seem inevitable. Settlement evacnation, including the compensation packages to be received by each family, has been meticulously worked out. The fallback lines for the army on the Israeli side of the Gaza border have been determined. As each new detail emerges, the Israeli public becomes a little more convinced that Sharon, despite fierce opposition from within his own party, means business

Ironically, Sharon is now being branded a traitor by those who were his closest allies The right-wing hero has turned renegade, so much so that Avi Dichter, the head of Shin Bet, the domestic security agency, recently warned that radical elements in the settler movement might do to Sharon what their compatriot, Yigal Amir, did to left-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who was as sassinated after he signed the Oslo accords.

Clearly, if Sharon does withdraw all of Israel's troops in Gaza and if he does evacuate the settlements there, it will be an important first step. Credit would be due to him. ... But even then, to suggest that this amounts to a true disengagement, a transfer of control and sovereignty to the local Palestinian authorities, would be far from the truth.

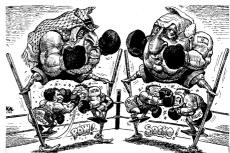
In the first place, Israel intends to retain control of all the borders - the land border between Gaza and Israel, the maritime Philadelphi line separating the Gaza Strip from Egypt. Gaza would become little more than a densely populated enclosure, cut off from the outside world, making it harder for the Palestinians to carry out basic activities.

Nor does Israel plan to let the Palestinian Authority construct its own airport or seaport facilities in Gaza; the absence of such facilities makes contact with the outside world totally dependent on the Israelis.

And let's not forget that much of the physical infrastructure in Gaza is entirely dependent on the Israeli system. The electricity and phone services, and other basic needs can be cut off at a whim. Perhaps the residents of Gaza would benefit from roads that served the settlements, but a road system that leads nowhere - to an armed guard at a sealed border - is not of much use.

After much debate, the government also has decided that the evacuated settlements will be destroyed, rather than being left for Palestinian use. Settlers have let it be known that although they will be required to uproot their lives, they are not psychologically prepared to see Palestinians living in their homes or (and this is the argument that won the day) turning synagogues into mosques.

For their part, Palestinian leaders are aware that the disengagement would, in the short term, make the situation worse. They are torn between the desire to see the backs of departing Israelis and the need to lay the



foundation for a new system of governance. This can be done only through negotiations with the Israeli government, through a bilateral process. But Sharon is not prepared to enter into negotiations. "Diseng ment" from Gaza is his plan, and it will be imposed according to his dictates.

At first glance, disengagement sounds good, and if it works, it can be used as a

model for future withdrawal in the even more contentious West Bank. But for it to succeed. Israel must undertake bilateral discussions. And Israel should not expect the transformation of the whole Gaza Strip into a large, densely populated territorial enclosure to create a situation of greater stability. David Newman is a professor of political geography at Ben Gurion University in Israel. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

European people know U.S.'s power is a constant

NICOSIA. Cyprus uropean attitudes toward George W. Bush are not quite as uniform as Americans might think.
If you talk to journalists and ac-

ademics, they tend to think like American academics and jour-

Philip Terzian

nalists: They are contemptuous of Bush, repelled by what they hear about his reli gious opinions, full of ideas about his fealty to the oil business and the Saudi royal family. Much of their information about American life seems derived from Michael Moore's bestsellers, or his movies, and the picture

isn't pretty.

For me, this is something of an exercise in nostalgia. Visiting Europe, say, 20 years ago I would hear about our trigger-happy cowboy president, how American politi was dominated by the Religious Right, and the widening gap between the very rich and the very poor. In those days, of course the president was named Reagan, not Bush; but apart from a few pertinent details, the image was the same: America was the world's rogue elephant, threatening the peace and crashing about in the European china shop.

Europeans who neither teach nor write for a living, however, see things differently. For them, the American superpower is not personified by the occupant of the White House, but accepted as a way of life And the American president's constituents are in Florida and Michigan, not Cyprus and Belgium: He will act in accordance with America's national interest, which is not necessarily the same as Europe's.

The Cypriots, for example, recognize that they live in a small, relatively power-less country, and that U.S. policy is heavily influenced by its strategic relationship with Turkey, the regional strongman. This may be unfortunate — it is certainly unwise - but it is the doctrine of the permanent diplomatic establishment in Washing-, and was as true of Bill Clinton as it is of George W. Bush. Or would be of President Kerry

For most Europeans, America is not its particular president, but an abstraction: the dominant political and economic power in the world, a force to be reckoned with. John Kerry may be stylistically agreeable to certain Europeans, in a way that George W. Bush is not; but few harbor the illusion that Kerry's election would transform the world

Accordingly, most Europeans I have encountered were genuinely mystified by cer-tain details in the candidate's acceptance speech at the Democratic convention. I tried to explain to them the ritual qualities of any such gathering, and the totems to which any U.S. politician must defer. But it was lost in translation. And three main points in Kerry's address were incomprehensible to European listeners.
First was the senator's relentless

self-congratulation for his service during the Vietnam War. No one would disagree that John Kerry is to be applauded for his tenure in the Navy, and his various medals and commendations. But the last American combatant left Vietnam 31 years ago It is as if Gerald Ford, running for president in 1976, had referred incessantly to his duty in the Pacific during World War П

No European could imagine the rele vance of Kerry's military service to the Israeli security wall, or steel tariffs or the aftermath of the Iraq war

Second was Kerry's emphatic assertion that the United States should go to war only when it "has to" and not when it "wants to." As more than a few European observers pointedly told me, Woodrow Wil-son did not "have to" lead America against Germany into the First World War, and Harry Truman probably didn't "want to defend South Korea against attack from the North. If Franklin Roosevelt had re-garded the menace of Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan as something the United States did not "have to" resist, our Europe-an friends would be living in a very different environment today.

Which brings us to the third point: Kerry's notion that he will somehow succeed where Bush failed, in convincing certain European powers - i.e., France and Germany — to share the financial and military burden in Iraq.

Did he really believe, I was asked, that Jacques Chirac and Gerhard Schroeder had taken the positions they had on the basis of personal antipathy to George W. Bush? Or that, having warned the United States of the pitfalls of invasion, they would gladly move to rescue the embattled Americans? To these questions, of course, I had no response, other than to say that American candidates for office are addressing their own voters, not those distant Europe ans who consider our politics a subject for anthropologists.

And given the choice between a Bush second term — free of all domestic political entanglements - and the prospect of President Kerry, arriving in Paris and Berlin with his hand out, the Europeans had to admit that Michael Moore notwithstanding, George W. Bush seemed suddenly at-

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By BRUCE TINSLEY

Mallard Fillmore

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City of castles and caves On the QT

Valkenburg, Netherlands, offers plenty to explore

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY Stare and Strings

n the mid-1880s, the first tourism office in the Netherlands opened, and it wasn't in Amsterdam or Den Haag.

That distinction belongs to Valkenburg, a city of spas and sidewalk cafés, of caves and castle ruins. Tourists have been coming to this city in South Limburg for more than 150 years

But they are relative newcom-

The Romans took a liking to the place - and its stone quarries - back around the time of Christ. And during the Middle Ages, lords, knights and maidens roamed the grounds of the once-thriving Valkenburg Cas-

Today, the castle ruins overlook the city center, drawing a steady stream of visitors to its gates, visitors such as Lynise Wright and her sister, Leila.

"It's very interesting," Wright said, nodding toward the castle "In fact, a lot of the limestone [used to build it] came out of those caves."

Wright, who works for the U.S. Army in nearby Schinnen, brought Leila to Valkenburg aan de Geul, as it is formally known, shortly after she arrived from the United States

Valkenburg is one of those indispensable destinations insofar as it is attractive, com pact and versatile. There is more than enough to keep young and old entertained and well-fed, whether for a few hours or a few days.

"Besides the touristy places," Wright said, "there are some good restaurants

Valkenburg is ideally located. particularly for those in central drive from Frankfurt, for in-



Valkenburg Castle dates to the time of knights and fair maidens. Today, the ruins overlook Valkenburg, the unofficial capital of the Hill Country in South Limburg, the southernmost part of the Netherlands.

reasonable investment for a weekend getaway or a daylong

After pulling into town, it's best to head to the old city center and one of its sidewalk cafés to get a beverage and check your bearings before heading out to explore.

Two of the best places to visit are the castle ruins and Gemeentegrot otherwise known as the Municipal or Town Cave.

Kids will enjoy roaming the ruins. Under the castle is Fluweelengrot, or the Velvet Cave. which boasts a series of passag es that knights once used to

sneak up on their enemies from behind. Just a few

minutes away is the Town Cave. Visitors can tour the labyrinth of passages on foot or by railway car. The cave's temperature remains a constant 54 degrees Fahrenheit yearround, so take a light sweater or jacket.

The Romans began quarrying the cave 2.000 vears ago, ex-



Valkenburg's Municipal Cave draws tens of thousands of visitors annually. The train seen here cuts the hour-long foot tour in half.

tracting blocks of soft stone for buildings. Throughout the centu-ries, as the underground network grew, the cave became a place of refuge in wartime. Fons Dorren, a local tour guide, said 3,000 people hid in the cave for two weeks while Allied forces advanced on the city in September 1944 Perhaps the most intriguing

aspect of this subterranean world is the cave art. Portraits and sculptures, and murals depicting scenes from the Middle Ages to the present, appear on walls and in nooks along the tour route

Above ground, as Dorren was closing the cave for the night. Wright and her sister were deciding what to do the next day. While the city has a health resort casino and amusement park, the pair was looking to

Still, Wright plans to return, possibly some weekend later this year

"On a Saturday," Wright said, it's a nice place to come and chill out



Located near the German and Belgian borders, Valkenburg is the unofficial capital of the so-called Hill Country in South Limburg, the southernmost area of the Nether lands

In the Benelux, head in the direction of Maastricht, north of Liege, Belgium, and just west of Valken burg. From Mons, take A7 and A15 toward Liege, then A2 to Maastricht. The highway cuts through

On the north end of Maastricht. take A79 to Valkenburg.

From central Germany, drive toward the border town of Aachen, west of Cologne. Take A61 north past Bonn, to A4; or take A5 north to A45, then head northwest toward A4 and Aachen.

Take A4 to A76, which will cross the border before connecting to A79, which will lead to Valkenburg. (Note: At the German-Netherlands border there is an Esso gas station that takes Army and Air Force Exchange Service gas coupons.)

There are two Valkenburg exits on A79; each leads into the city.



The castle ruins are accessible between January and March from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. From April to June the hours change to 10 to 5 In July, August and September, the castle is open until 6 p.m. Admis-

Touring Gemeentegrot, or the Town Cave, takes 30 minutes by train and one hour by foot. From the Sunday before Easter to Oct. 31, the cave is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. However, the last tour of the day leaves between 4 and 4:30 p.m. From Nov. 1 to the Sunday before Easter, the daily weekday tour is at 2 p.m. On weekends during this period, the cave is open from 10:30 to 4. (Again, the last tour begins well before 4 p.m.) Admission is 4 euros for adults and 3 euros for children



Go to the old part of town where cafés line the sidewalks. Lynise Wright, who has visited Valkenburg several times, recommends Richie's Steakhouse and Restaurant La Casa, which serves Argentine food

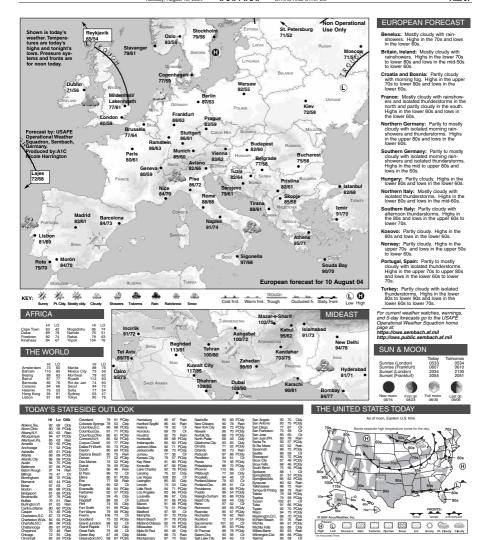


Information

Go to www.vvvzuidlimburg.nl for info on Valkenburg activities and accommodations. The site has links to places and events

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Fish scam uncovered

ME PORTLAND — There was some-thing fishy about Kimberly Gordon's offers to sell lobster and other seafood at discount prices, police said

The 25-year-old woman accused of bilking scores of customers in several Greater Portland communities has been indicted on charges of

Police said Gordon operated her one-woman scam by taking orders, collecting money and promising to return an hour or two later with the seafood, which never arrived.

More than 100 employees at office buildings, hospitals and car dealerships were duped over a period of several months, according to law enforcement officials.

Scarborough police arrested her and charged her with eight counts of theft and violation of bail condi-

Animals cause crashes

GA ATLANTA — Deer, cows and even squirrels are to blame for more than 26,000 inju-ries along U.S. roads each year, the government said Thursday.

In half of the animal-related accidents, motorists are injured by hitting the animal, while the other half are injured by swerving to avoid hitting the animals, said Ann Dellinger of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's motor vehicle injury prevention

Each year, about 200 people die

in car crashes with animals. There were 247,000 crashes involving animals in 2000, the latest data available, the CDC said. The CDC could not say if the number of car-animal accidents

are on the rise. They typically happen on rural roads or highways. Although nearly nine out of 10 such accidents involve deer, the CDC's crash study also found cows, squirrels, bears, dogs and raccoons were involved.

Gun toter shoots self

OK BRISTOW - Drew Patterson wanted to protect himself after hearing reports of a fugi-tive in his northeastern Oklahoma community.

He didn't think he would be nurs-

ing a sore rear end

Aware of an escaped prison lurking about, Patterson tucked a .22-caliber pistol into the waistband of his denim shorts. But he left the hammer pulled back, and soon enough the gun went off. shooting the 27-year-old in the left huttock

Patterson said he walked into his arents' home and told his mother: "I did something bad."

Doctors told him to keep walking to avoid complications as the wound healed.

"It hurts fiercely now." he said. walking slowly and gingerly.

Turtles carry disease

W Federal health officials and several states are moving to stop a recent surge in the illegal sale of small pet turtles, banned since the 1970s because of the risk of salmonella infections that are es pecially dangerous to young children

The turtles, most often a variety called red-eared sliders, have turned up in recent months at malls and gift shops in popular vacation spots in Wisconsin, South



Carolina, Kansas, Arizona and Teyas

Officials in Wisconsin said they had taken action against a half-dozen shops around the state and were working with federal offi-

cials to find the distributors The problem came to light after a 4-year-old Kansas girl was sickened with salmonella bacteria that officials think she got from three turtles her mother bought while on

vacation in Wisconsin.

About 80,000 cases are reported each year, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and

Attacking pit bulls killed

TX CORPUS CHRISTI — A meter reader attacked by two mixed-breed pit bulls fought them off, killing one of the animals by holding his knee to the dog's throat. The other was shot dead by police

Scott Rousslang, 24, was treated and released from a Corpus Christi hospital with bandages covering more than 20 bite marks on his hands, arms and legs.

Rousslang was attacked when he jumped a fence to read a water meter Thursday morning.

Police are investigating the incident and said they didn't know if charges would be filed against the dogs' owners.

Asleep on the job

VA ALEXANDRIA - Police responding to a 911 call from a resident of an assisted-living home said they found three care-



He's gonna catch it Rocky Miller fishes for red salmon

in the Kenai River in Soldotna. Alaska. Miller is in the process of moving to Alaska from Brownsville, Ore., and said he is looking forward to fishing for silver salmon later this fall.

givers at the home asleep while a hospice patient lay help-ess on the floor.

The call came into Alexandria's emergency communications center from the Sunrise Senior Living home.

Police responded, but the after-hours call button, telenhone calls and their cruiser sirens could not get the attention of caregivers inside. Eventually, the officers gained entry through an unlocked side door.

The hospice patient was calling out for help after falling out of bed. Another resident was having trouble with a catheter and had called 911 out of frustration.

No one had come to their aid, police said, because the caregivers at the site were asleen

City and state officials, as well as long-term care advocates, have begun investigations. Two Sunrise employees were fired because of the incident, said city spokeswoman Barbara Gordon

Manure rules adopted

CA DIAMOND BAR — Southern California's smog-fight-ing agency went after emissions of the bovine variety, adopting the nation's first rules to reduce air pollution from dairy cow manure

The measure, which will be phased in beginning Dec. 1, applies to more than 300 dairies in the Chino area, which is considered to have the highest concentra-

tion of dairy cows in the nation. Roughly 300,000 cows in dairies east of Los Angeles produce a million tons of manure each year. The new regulation requires dairies with at least 50 cows to remove ma-nure from corrals more frequently and send it to a composting facility or an agricultural area where it is approved for use as a fertilizer

It is expected to cost the indus try about \$3.5 million a year, or about \$15,000 per dairy, air quality officials said. By 2010, the regulation is expected to reduce ammonia emissions by more than three tons per day and cut down on other pollutants as well.

Stone throwers jailed

LAS VEGAS - Four teens described as members of an affluent gang that terrorized a neighborhood last summer were sentenced Friday to a year each in the county jail.

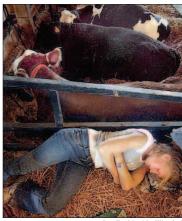
The alleged members of the "311 Boyz" gang, who drew nation al attention after videos surfaced of the youths beating each other. had pleaded no contest to one count each of battery with a deadly weapon which carries a maximum 15-year prison sentence.

Prosecutors agreed to drop more serious charges, including attempted murder, for the teens' alleged role in a rock attack that maimed another Las Vegas teenager last summer.

Those sentenced Friday were Christopher Farley, 19; Jeff Hart, 18; Matthew Costello, 18; and Steven Gazley, 19.

Nine teens originally were charged in the rock attack. One was acquitted, and charges against a second were dismissed. Three others also entered the equivalent of no contest pleas and received probation but no jail time.

The judge suspended prison sentences for the four teens, opting for jail time and three to five years of probation, including a year of house arrest.



Anne Henrichs, 14, of Waterford, Wis., naps on a bed of hay in the Moooove over. I'm tired livestock barn at the Racine County Fair in Union Grove, Wis.



From left, Sarah Gasper, Katie Tran, Oh, fiddle sticks Raven Biocic and Daniel Settle play the violins at Jazz Improv For Strings Camp at the University of Arkansas at Fort Smith, Ark



Sandy matrimony performing the ceremony in Hawaii.

Melissa Burbank and Michael McClary of Vermont are married at Banzai Pipeline beach on Oahu's north shore with the Rev. Kermit Rydell



 $Looking\ for\ action\ \ {\small \begin{array}{c} \mbox{Ryan Finnegan, 7, of Topeka, Kan., watches other players scrimmage while waiting to play in a Future Pros Hockey Camp in Kansas City, Mo. \end{array}}$



Gator aide

Bert Lucas from the Kachunga Alligator
Show works with a volunteer from the
audience, AnnaMaire Boue, 8, on the opening day at the Ohio State Fair
in Columbus, Ohio.



Free Wheeler
Nate Evans performs a stunt on a
motorcycle at Brainerd International Raceway in Minnesota



Tube dudes
Band Camp in Sarasota, Fla.

Sousaphone players Steven Briant, left, and Ray Nason find their instruments make great headrests during a break in practice at the Mighty Sailor Marching

Ex-death-row con charged

CHICAGO — A death row inmate pardoned when former Gov. George Ryan cleared death row in 2003 was charged with drug and gun violations. It was his third arrest since being released from prison.

Aaron Patterson, 40, called the new charges "a farce." His attorney suggested they were a backlash to Patterson's lawsuit alleging police tortured him into a false confession in 1986 that landed him on death row.

According to the U.S. attorneys's office, Patterson and another man tried to sell heroin to a government informant four times. Pattern had served 17 years for a double murder conviction when Ryan-doned him and three other immate during a dramatic emptying to death row in his final days in offec. The governor said a "ananifest injustice" had occurred in the four cases because police tortured them into confessing to crimes they didn't commit.

Ryan also commuted sentences of 167 death-row inmates to life in prison and issued a moratorium on executions because of flaws in the state's capital punishment system.

House cleared of vermin

NY CANDOR — This small community got some relief Thursday as bulldozers and dump trucks hauled away more than 20 loads of trash and waste from a vermin-infested house that had been the subject of complaints for de-

Exterminators set poisoned traps in an attempt to kill more than 1,000 rats on the property owned by Thelma Roe. The court-ordered actions came after more than a year of code violations.

Candor Code Enforcement Officer James Douglas said the home, 57 miles south of Syracuse, was deemed uninhabitable and will keep that designation until it's cleaned and the rats are exterminated.

Douglas said it appeared the home's inhabitants, Roe and Carl Overbaugh, had been living in a single room. Neighbors said the house did not have utilities and electricity for more than 25 years.

Douglas said he will monitor the house until an agreement is reached with the owner.

Harmful algae afloat

OH TOLEDO — A slimy green algae that can sicken and kill fish and birds has made an early return to Lake Erie this sum-

mer.

Researchers say they began spotting the algae in western Lake Erie near Toledo in early July, which is about a month earlier than normal.

The algae, called microcystis, feeds off phosphorous that comes from farm animal waste, sewage plants and household items such as laundry detergent. It's carried into the lake by storm water, rivers and

animals.

The algae is harmful mainly to wildlife. Dog owners are warned not to allow pets to drink out of water where the algae is floating.

People can suffer from diarrhea or vomiting if they swallow large amounts of untreated water containing high levels of the algae. But the large clumps of the algae usually are enough to keep people away from it.

Researchers aren't sure why the

algae is out early this summer. The algae grows best in warm, shallow water when fed phospho-

rus, a common farm nutrient.
The U.S. Senate last year authorized \$2 million to study algae blooms in the Great Lakes.

Coaches file lawsuit

NEW YORK — Four coaches fired in the wake of a sexual assault scandal at a Long Island high school have reportedly filed a \$20 million lawsuit against three of the boys involved in the scandal and their parents.

The suit alleges the boys' parents should have known their sons were "prone to acts of violence and demonstrated a vicious and dangerous propensity to commit assault and battery upon others."

Four players on the Mepham High School football team were charged with sexually assaulting teammates at a preseason training camp in Preston Park, Pa., with sticks, golf balls and pine cones.

In March, a Wayne County, Pa, grand Juny criticized the five coaches who accompanied the team to the camp, but it found no basis for filing criminal charges against them. The grand jury, however, cited "clear evidence that the coaches displayed a lack of commonsense accountability" in running the camp.

The coaches insist they had no knowledge the attacks were taking place and didn't learn of the allegations until days after returning to Long Island.

Boxer-clad prisoner bolts

DENVER — A federal prisoner escaped from a transport van in Denver on Aug. 3, sprinting from the area after failing to wrest a gun from a deputy.

Police and U.S. marshals swarmed the area searching for Joseph John Belville, but the man, who was last seen wearing only a pair of white boxer shorts, managed to evade capture. The incident happened as a van

carrying three inmates back to a penitentiary slowed while merging onto an interstate. Belville opened the side sliding door and began to climb from the van.

A deputy tried to stop Belville, but after trying to take the deputy's gun, Belville sprinted from the area, disrobing as he ran.

Rotting bear found

AK A fourth brown bear was reported dead and left to rot last week near a popular bear-watching and fishing stream along the northern border of Alaska's Katmai National Park and Preserve as rangers continued a criminal investigation into a series of bicarre and anoarently illeal kills.

The front claws had been cut from at least two of the animals, including a mature female that had been actively nursing, said pilot and bear-viewing guide Ken Day, who discovered and reported the first three carcasses to the National Park Service last week.

"We've been watching these bears for years and years and years," he said. "It's a terrible thing when you see these beautiful creatures that just want to leave you alone — and for somebody to come over there and do a cold-blooded killing."

Stories and photos from wire reports



Audiences weren't turned off by Tom Cruise's out-ofcharacter portrayal of a bad guy in "Collateral"; the film was No. 1 at the hox office last weekend. Cruise, left. stars with Jamie Foxx in the Michael Mann-directed film.

Tom cruises to flicks' top spot

Weak box office weekend finds 'Collateral' at No. 1

By DAVID GERMAIN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Good guy or bad guy, Tom Cruise is still No. 1

Cruise's "Collateral," in which he plays a psychotic hit man who hijacks a taxi for a one-night killing spree, de buted as the top weekend movie with \$24.4 million, ac-cording to studio estimates Sunday.

It was an unusually dark role for Cruise, best known for playing the hero. Jamie Foxx co-stars as the cabbie, while Michael Mann ("Ali," "The Insider") directed.

"Collateral" bumped off the previous weekend's top movie, the fright flick "The Village," which took in \$16.6 million, a steep 67 percent tumble from its opening-weekend receipts. "The Village" pushed its 10-day total to \$85.7 million.

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Top 10 movies

Estimated ticket sales for Fri

day through Sunday at North American theaters, according to

1. "Collateral," \$24.4 million. 2. "The Village," \$16.6 million.
3. "The Bourne Supremacy,

4. "The Manchurian Candidate," \$10.8 million.

5. "Little Black Book," \$7 mil-

6. "I, Robot," \$6.3 million.
7. "Spider-Man 2," \$5.5 million.
8. "Harold & Kumar Go to
White Castle," \$3.2 million.

9. "A Cinderella Story," \$3.05

10. "Catwoman," \$2.9 million

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The weekend's other new wide release, the Brittany Murphy romantic Black Book. opened weakly in fifth place with \$7

million. The overall box office was down sharply. The top

12 movies grossed \$97.7 million, off 23 percent from the same weekend last year, when "S.W.A.T." and "Freaky Friday" strongly.

"This is why they call it the dog

days of August. said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker

Exhibitor Relations. "Summers always surprise you. They either slow down

million.

at the end or they peak at the end. Summer revenues remain about 6 percent ahead of

2003's, when Hollywood took in a record \$3.9 billion from early May through Labor Day weekend. While the R-rated "Collateral" did only about half the opening-weekend business of Cruise's "Mission: Impossible" movies, its debut was in line with his last two R-rated

films, 2003's "The Last Samurai" (\$24.3 million) and 2001's "Vanilla Sky" (\$25 million). In limited release, the shark tale "Open Water" debuted strongly with \$1.04 million in just 47 theaters. The low-budget film is inspired by the true story of a couple mistakenly left behind in shark-infested waters during a

scuba-diving trip.
Michael Winterbottom's sci-fi drama "Code 46," starring Tim Robbins and Samantha Morton as lovers in a bleak future where travel is severely restricted, had a solid opening of \$22,000 in three theaters.

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Topless tennis, anvone?

A Russian tennis star has filed a lawsuit against GO magazine, claiming GQ allowed topless photographs of her to appear in a Russian magazine without her permis-

Anastasia Myskina, winner of this vear's French Open, is suing GO and its photographer, saying she never intended for two photos of her appearing shirtless to be published, her attorney said Saturday. The lawsuit was filed Friday in Manhattan federal court.



The photos in question were taken by photographer Mark Seliger while he shot pictures for a spread in the October 2002 edition of GQ. One approved photo of her fully clothed was published along with a profile of the tennis player.

The topless pictures were published in the July/August 2004 issue of Medved magazine. Seliger had an unlisted telephone number and did not immediately respond to an e-mail for comment.

"The Boss" breaks political hearts

Minnesota's Republican Gov. Tim Pawlenty said he's "heartbroken" that Bruce Springsteen plans to rock against President Bush.

Opening his weekly radio show Friday with "Born to Run," the 43-year-old Pawlenty called Springsteen one of his musical idols.

"I really appreciate his music, but I wish he wouldn't interject his music with politics," said Pawlenty, co-chairman of Bush's re-election campaign in the state

Springsteen and R.E.M. will perform Oct. 5 at St. Paul's Xcel Energy Center as part of a series of concerts being staged in nine swing states to oppose Bush's re-elec-

The money generated will go to America Coming Together, a group dedicated to defeating Bush." The shows will be presented by MoveOn Pac, the electoral arm of the liberal interest group MoveOn.org.

Cosby to help organize Mass, rally

Entertainer Bill Cosby plans to meet with community leaders in Springfield, Mass., and police later this month to help organize a rally against street

Cosby, who has a home in rural Shelburne about 50 miles northwest of Springfield, made his remarks following a ceremony Thursday at the Basketball Hall of Fame honoring 14 young women who overcame obsta cles to graduate from high school and attend college.

Cosby, whose son, Ennis, was mur-



nell and Daylan Shepard, 19-year-old twins killed in sepa-rate Springfield shootings in May and July.

Cosby criticized authorities for not doing more to curb street violence, but the police chief said cutbacks have left her department short-staffed. Since May, the city of 160.000 has had nine murders. Arrests have been made in six of the slavings.

Governor sheds weight, does 'People' The newly trim Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee is to be

featured in next month's issue of People magazine, revealing the one thing he previously had refused to tell: his weight

The 5'-11" Huckabee, who has campaigned for physical fitness since losing 105 pounds over the last year, told the magazine he previously weighed 280 pound

The 48-year-old governor went on a diet-and-exercise program after learning he had diabetes. He recently ran his first 5K race.

The Aug. 16 magazine article includes a photo of Huckabee holding a pair of pants he wore when he was hefty. He tells the magazine he "ate too much and exercised too little, simple as that,'

The governor said he always had problems with his weight. It wasn't until he was diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes that he got serious about weight loss

Huckabee will also appear Friday morning on CBS' "The Early Show" to tell his story.

Stories and photos from The Associated Pres-



Will Ferrell and Christina Applegate star in Dreamworks Pictures' comedy "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.' Burgundy, Ferrell's character, is a shining example of the disingenuous stereotypes many people hold about TV news personalities.

Dumbing down the news

'Anchorman' capitalizes on unflattering stereotypes of TV personalities

Fictional flubs

"In order for the bill to be passed, it has to be

Oh, two more, huh? Correction, that's

ratified by two-thirds of the 48 states ... (looks off

camera, sees a crewman holding up two fingers)

four-thirds!" - Ted Baxter on "The Mary Tyler

"I've said it before and I'll say it again. De-mocracy doesn't work. Now, over the years, a

reason or another, he just cannot report. It

doesn't seem to matter now, so ... the following

"Because of an accident today at the Quahog

cable company, all television transmission will

be out for an undetermined amount of time. Of

course, no one can see this news program, so it

doesn't really matter what we say. I'm the lord

Jesus Christ, I think I'll go get drunk and beat up

some midgets ..." — Tom Tucker of "The Family

- Kent Brockman of "The

newsman learns a number of things that, for o

Moore Show"

people are gay ..."

BY DOUGLAS J. ROWE The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Will Ferrell's title character in "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" is faced with a serious female colleague for the first time. Diversity is the reason.

But he thinks diversity is the name of an old wooden ship om the Civil War.

A San Diego anchorman in the 1970s, Burgundy is the latest in a line of Hollywood anchormen dating back to Ted Baxter of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1970-77) who by

turns are pompous, vain, vacu ous and living by the slogan: Sin cerity - once you can fake that, the world is yours.

Since Baxter (the name of Burgundy's dog, by the way) we've seen Jim Dial of "Murphy Brown," Bill McNeal in "News Radio" and three cartoon favor-Radio" and three carroon lavorites: Kent Brockman of "The Simpsons," Tom Tucker of "The Family Guy" and Morbo the alien in "Futurama."

"Saturday Night Live" has long lampooned anchors on its "Week-end Update." And Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" has won a Peabody for its nightly sendup of newscasts

The comic, unflattering characterization of anchormen re curs for several reasons, according to pop-culture observers and media mavens: They're authori-

"Kind of like dads in sitcoms laughed Jill Geisler, the first woman in the United States to

become the news director of a major-market network affili-

"It's why very seldom principals of schools or deans of universities are presented in a good way," said Syracuse University's Robert Thompson, citing Dean Wormer in "Animal House" as a classic example. Tolchinsky, an associate

radio-TV-film at Northwestern University, thinks viewers are often wondering about the sincerity of the anchor's emotions on camera.

"The movie 'Broadcast News' made a big deal out of the fact that the William Hurt character should 'pretend' to crv." he recalled. "Now I think most people assume that anchorpeople are faking it — faking the emotion, faking the chatter and lively banter. ..." He noted that Jim Carrey's "Bruce Almighty" echoes "Broadcast News" but with a slightly different spin: Ultimately, it's Bruce's refreshing honesty that sets him anart from the anchors. One of Tolchinsky's colleagues at Northwestern, Chuck

Kleinhans, suggested that women escape the same Hollywood rap as anchormen because it's generally assumed they had to work harder than a man to achieve the same level of success. Thus Christina Applegate's character in "Anchorman" is ambitious and capable.

As unvarying as the comic de-pictions of the men have been you might think they're based

Well, they are - to some ex-

People in TV news admit they've known a Ron Burgundy. but they maintain that such types are anomalies who quick-

ly disappear. Ferrell, the film's co-screenwriter who consulted with at least five local anchormen across the country for his role,

agreed.
"If anything, what we discovered was actually the opposite of what we depicted in the

movie," he said. "These guys ... were very educated, very smart guys who real-ly took pride in what they did."

But there are a few who con form to the stereotype, as Phil Bremen, a telecommunications

professor at Ball State University, can attest He worked in the '70s at a sta-

tion where the producer liked to let the anchor lend his own special flair to the teases right before a commercial break to entice viewers to stay tuned. "Instead of scripting a tease, the producer would ask the

anchor to rough out a few words himself." Bremen remembered. "Showing the anchor where he needed to do this was a

page that was blank except for the simple instruction, Tease more news.

"Sure enough, one night the anchor breezed right through that page on the air. In his most authoritative tones, he told the viewers: 'Tease more news.' Then, barely missing a beat after he realized what he had done, he au-thoritatively added. 'We'll have that story in a moment."

Horoscope

Mars makes a grand entersor into Virgo, where it will be transiting until late, where it will be transiting until late, where it will be an extremely productive placement for the hotheaded planet. Planning and preparation will start to feel like less of an effort and more of an essential habit for a well-lived life. Why not zero in on the one thing that needs doing and just to it?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY
(August 10). This is a
banner year for becoming
who you've always wanted
to be. Your sensitivity is
enhanced through September, making you more able to s;

enhanced through September, making you more able to spot where you are needed. This helps you discover an incredible niche for your talent. You make great money when business really takes off in November. Aries and Piscos are terrific romantic partners.

ARIES (March 21-April 19), You're in a practical mood and will be able to identify all drawbacks and shoot holes in your own plans. Instead of trying to combat the negativity, consider that it might be trying to tell you or teach you something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).
Your bring is right on. When you
show up, the action starts. If you're
late, nobody notices. Be careful not
to let this good fortune make you
soft. If you're on top of things, you
can turn this lucky timing into a big
career opportunity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).Navigate your friendships carefully, as there are treacherous social traps that are easy to fall into. Blurting out certain secrets is the temptation.
Resist with all your might. Physically

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It feels like you've got a handful of questions and no answers in sight. Believe it or not, you're closer than ever to knocking down that barrier between you and what you want. All the resources you need are available.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Personality conflicts are featured, but this gives the day color and drama. Though some people make it diffi-

cult for you to want to be nice to them, continue to devote yourself to the highest benefit for the group.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're not as motivated as usual, so you may need to trick yourself into

Joyce Jillson

action by providing incentives along the way. Your mind is like a muscle — it can get tired doing the same task for hours on end. Take mental breaks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may find yourself in the grip of a dizzying infatuation. Listen to Dido's hit song "Don't Leave Home," and resolve not to let your

love weaken you or keep you small — that's not what relationships should be about.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).
You don't have to like everybody. A
man who professes to like everybody is most likely a man who cares
for nobody in particular. Besides,
would you rather be adored by
many or loved by a couple of real
friends?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're much more high maintenance than usual, which could put you in an uncomfortable position. Don't be too shy or embarrassed to ask for what you need exactly.

Others will love to help you out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll find yourself in a privileged position this moming. A puzzling work situation arises. You could question the people you've

could question the people you've been loyal to and also the ones who have been loyal to you. Whom can you trust?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).
The Greeks believed that charisma was a ciff the Code but like all

The Greeks believed that charisma was a gift of the Gods, but like all divine gifts, it has its cost. The 'cost' you could pay today has to do with attracting someone irksome. Of course, eccentric people are always drawn to you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).
You're surrounded by interesting people. You not only want to be noticed, but you want to be remembered by this group. This causes you to perform in an extraordinary way. In romance, your need for freedom is emphasized.

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CHICK! MY SANDWICH HAD THROW HIM MUSTARD. IS THIS THE FOOD! ONE YOURS! PUT ON YOUR ENW. BOY, THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL WE'RE OFF. Hobbes Nese BUT IT WILL BE WORTH IT WHEN WE GET THESE PICTURE GOGGLES! WE'RE TAKING MUSHY. DEVELOPED SINCE I RESCUED YOUR SANDWICH, and SHALL GRANT I'M SUPPOSED TO DON'T I GET AM THE YOU A WISH MEK ALL DAY AND HUSBAND COME HOME AND IN THE LAMP THREE GRANT YOU THREE WISHES? WISHES? Start amn GOURREL FIGHING IS REALLY A SPIDET? BUT IS IT SAPE FOR THE SCAURREL? AND SOMETIMES CATCH, RELEASE, AND RIM LIKE HECK. OF COURSE IT'S STRUCTLE CATCH AND



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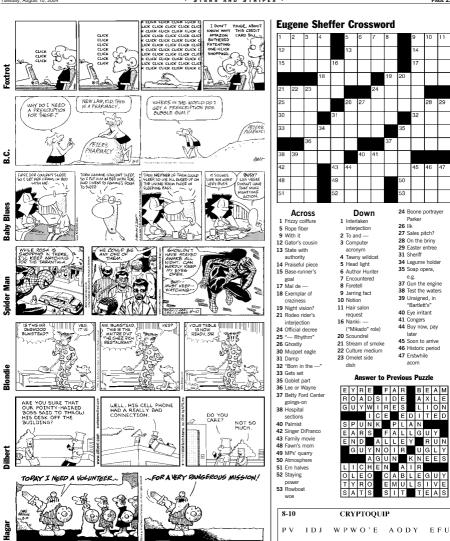








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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: TO GET AMPLE NUTRITION, I'D SAY A TYPICAL GHOST MUST EAT THREE SCARE MEALS A DAY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals D

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Dear Sympathetic: It may take

you're finally free.

counseling to help you recover

from 25 years in emotional pris-

Dear Abby: "Innocent and Faithful in L.A." told you that she has been in a long-distance relationship with her boyfriend Although she has been complete ly devoted to him for two years, he continues to accuse her of seeing other men because he has a "gut feeling" about it. She said he reads her e-mails, and she suspects Dear Abby

he has hacked into her computer. She asked if there was "any hope" for their relationship. You advised her to keep

the relationship long-dis tance or end it. Oh, how I wish someone had given me that advice before I

married, he would finally be secure and not accuse me of seeing other men. After our wedding, it got worse. It got so bad I would cross the street to avoid speaking to a former class mate; I couldn't even go into the grocery store without him. After 25 years of marriage

and his having at least two af-

married my husband. I felt that if we were

er woman.

on, but I'm glad to know that Read on: Dear Abby: Any

time someone constantly accuses you of some-thing (infidelity, lying, etc.) it is time to look into what THAT person may be doing. When we are constantly placed in the position of having to defend ourselves, we often don't take time to look

- Sympathetic in Harrisonburg, Va.

into what the accuser may be doing. If "Innocent" were able to seriously look into his behavior, I'll bet she'd discover he's doing exactly what he's accusing her of.

- Janie in Washington Dear Janie: You have insight. There's an old French saying that translates (roughly), "A man

doesn't look behind the bedroom door unless he has hidden there himself."

Dear Abby: "Innocent" should run as far from that guy as she can. I once had a boy-friend who claimed that I treated everyone — including my pets better than I treated him. He tried to tell me not to talk to my friends or my children's father. I drew the line when he told me I had to let his abusive cousin

come to my apartment to visit When I told him to pack his things and get out, he hit me. It only happened once, because I stood up to him. I filed charges and he went to jail. That's when I found out that I wasn't the first. He had been arrested six times for abuse.

- Standing Tall in Dayton, Ohio Dear Standing Tall: You are lucky that you drew the line where you did.

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I say, leave the horned owl

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon Answer here: THE

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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: BLANK FLOUT STYLUS Answer: What the bartender offered the achy, feverish customer - A FLU "SHOT"

Widower's dating a way of grieving

Dear Annie: Last year, my mother died. A woman who works at the mortuary (I'll call her "Lydia") helped us acquire a burial plot and also arranged for my father to purchase the plot next to Mom. Within a month of my mother's passing, Lydia and Dad began dating.

I'm not going to waste time telling you my thoughts of this disgusting situation. I just want to know would it be wrong to ask my fa-ther to sell me the plot next to Mom? I don't think he deserves to be buried there.

— No Class Act in Hawaii Dear Hawaii: If your father marries Lydia, you can ask him to sell you the plot. Otherwise, please give him some time to get over the loss of your mother. We know it doesn't seem as if he is grieving, but it is not uncommon for widowers to begin dating soon after their wives die. They are lonely and bereft, and easy pickings for any woman who takes the time to console them



Instead of being angry with Dad, try to be understanding. Get grief counseling, and suggest he do the

blind great-horned owl was found near death from starvation. A team of veterinarians

implanted contacts, thus saving the owl's vision so that it could hunt. Years ago, I read a story about a tarantula with a life-threatening abscess on its ahdomen Veterinarians removed the abscess, even though this surgery could have killed the arachnid. A real tearjerker, right? People are quick to donate money to save animals that need medical care. I have a serious problem with this. We live in a country that can provide surgeries for animals but allows thou-

sands of human patients to die for lack of money. While there

are many generous doctors and

alone and use the donated money to save a human being. — Tracy in Nashville, Tenn. Dear Annie: I read Dear Tracy: Most people wil in the newspaper that a reach into their pocketbooks if vou can pull on their heartstrings, and for some, it's easier to feel sorry for a helpless animal

than it is for, say, a transplant There are many generous doctors who donate their time and skills to treat the less fortunate, both animal and human, But we agree decent medical care in this country is beyond the means of those who don't have

insurance — and too many peo-

ple fall into that category Something needs to be done Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Miltchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to annies-mailbox®comcast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, ⟨o'C reators Syndicate, 5777 W. Century Blvd, Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90045. Creators Syndicate

Family Circus



"How 'bout the front yard?"

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"YOU NEED TO SPEAK TO MR. WILSON. HE'S



"There it is-the old Muffy place. They say on some nights, when the moon is full, you can still hear hin dragging his chain over to the old oak and back."



Gorilla uses sign language to call for dentist

BY BILEN MESFIN The Associated Press

WOODSIDE, Calif. - When Koko the gorilla used the American Sign Language gesture for pain and pointed to her mouth, 12 specialists, including three den-

tists, sprang into action. The result? Her first full medical examination in 20 years, an extracted tooth and a clean hill of health

About a month ago, Koko, a 300-plus-pound ape who became famous for mastering more than 1,000 signs, began telling her handlers at the Gorilla Foundation in Woodside she was in pain. They quickly constructed a pain chart. offering Koko a scale from one to

When Koko started pointing to nine or 10 too often, a dental appointment was made. And be-

volved, her handlers used the opportunity to give Koko head-to-toe exam.

"She's quite articulate," volun-

teer Johnpaul Slater said. "She'll tell us how bad she's feeling, how bad the pain is. It looked like it was time to do some-

Twelve specialists - a Stanford cardiologist, three anesthesiologists, three dentists, an ear and throat specialist, two veterinarians, a gastroenterologist and a gy-

necologist - volunteered to help. "It's not often that we get to work on a celebrity," said Dr. David Liang, assistant professor

of medicine at Stanford. "Probably, Koko is less demanding.

The team came to Koko on Sunday, bringing portable X-ray and

ultrasound machines. They set up shop at her "apartment," which looks like a remodeled box car, complete with a makeshift toilet. television, DVD player and a lot

After four hours of tests — including a colonoscopy, gynecological exam, dental work, X-rays, and ultrasounds - doctors pronounced her fit. Koko, who celebrated her 33rd

birthday July 4, was due for a checkup. While gorillas in captivity are known to live into their 50s, they are susceptible to heart disease and a thickening of the arter-

Koko and Ndume, her partner of 11 years (he doesn't "speak"), have been trying unsuccessfully to have a baby, and the doctors thought the checkup could let them know whether she had any biological problems preventing it. She doesn't



Koko, the 230-pound gorilla who converses in sign language, cuddles a kitten in 1985. Koko received a clean bill of health after a full medical examination on Saturday.

Denver voters to decide future of visits by circus

By CATHERINE TSAI The Associated Press

DENVER - Fifteen-year-old Heather Herman, who wears leather and eats meat, is an unlikely animal rights activist. Yet largely due to her, Denver voters will decide this week whether to allow the circus to come to town.

Herman contends the animals aren't meant to travel the country caged or in train cars, performing for audiences on cue. Her push to petition for a law ensuring abuse-free circuses rather than just passing out leaflets took some supporters by surprise.

"I guess you get jaded when you get older," said Ashley Soard, formerly of Rocky Mountain Animal Defense and now with Denver for Cruelty-Free Circuses. "Her enthusiasm was conta-

an initiative to limit the use of exotic animals in circuses appearing in the city of Denver. The initiative is on the primary election ballot on Tuesday.

Herman, a high school sopho-more, said she attended circuses as a child but recently became concerned about the treatment of

She created a group, Youth Opposed to Animal Acts, started a petition and collected enough signatures to put the question on Tuesday's ballot.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus has been performing in Denver since 1919 and the city's Barnum neighborhood is named after circus founder P.T. Barnum, who bought 760 acres here in 1882 as

a winter respite for his show. The circus has found itself the repeated target of lawsuits and criticism from animal rights groups. The circus' parent company, Feld Entertainment, main-tains Herman's initiative would strip the heart of its shows, and that notions of mistreatment of animals are misguided.

"We've certainly been a favorite target of the animal rights crowd," said Tom Albert, vice president of government relations for Feld

Herman and about 30 to 50 volunteers have raised close \$47,000 from the likes of the U.S Humane Society and have earned an endorsement from wildlife biologist Jane Goodall.

Meanwhile, Feld Entertain-ment has donated \$175,000 to the Keep the Circus in Denver Committee to oppose her. The commit-tee includes City Council members, the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce and others

"I had no idea it would be this controversial," Herman said controversial," Herman said from her mother's home, where campaign signs are stacked in the living room.

proposal would Herman's allow educational exhibits like the Denver Zoo and the National Western Stock Show, but stock show CEO Pat Grant still opposes the measure, saying the circus is wholesome family entertainment. He said that if the circus goes, the stock show will be next.

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Vets lift U.S. over **Turkey**

BY CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey - When the game was getting away from the Americans in the fourth quarter, coach Larry Brown resisted the urge to leave his struggling youngsters on the court.

Enter Tim Duncan and Allen Iverson, exit any chance Turkey had of pulling off an upset and giving the U.S. team even more to worry about in its run-up to the Olympics.
The oldest players on the team

re-entered the game with 31/2 minutes remaining, after the Americans had blown most of a 14-point lead. The U.S. team shut down Turkey the rest of the way and emerged with a 79-67 victory Sunday night.

The big thing was that in the last three minutes I don't know if Turkey scored after we went back to our first unit," Brown said. "The key was we didn't panic, righted ourselves and played with great poise down the stretch.

Still, with just one week remaining until they play their opener at the Athens Games, it's clear the Americans are having their difficulties. They didn't make a single three-pointer, disrespected the officials enough to earn two technical fouls and struggled once again just as they did a week earlier versus Germany — an opponent, like Turkey, that didn't even qualify for the Olympics.

Turkey also was without one of its two NBA players, Hedo Turkoglu, who was sidelined after breaking his nose in a collision with a teammate at practice.

But what the home team did have was a raucous crowd on its side, and the hot, cramped Abdi Ipekci Arena was rocking as Ibrahim Kutluay and Serkan Erdogan started hitting thee-pointers to make a game of it midway though the fourth quarter

A 19-8 run including several of Turkey's 11 three-pointers narrowed the home team's deficit to 68-65 with 3½ minutes left before the U.S. team turned up its defensive pressure.

"It was a good experience for us because we're going to have games like this (in Athens) when there is some adversity and they start making shots against us," Brown said. "We're just going to have to deal with it."

Duncan led the United States with 16 points and Iverson scored 13, with no one else reaching double figures.

Most alarming for the Ameri-cans was the way the team's core of youngsters, including LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony and Dw-yane Wade, failed to contain Turkey during its comeback.

But starting point guard Stephon Marbury also had problems. earning a technical foul for arguing with a referee and going score-less in 19 minutes. Wade also earned a technical for defiantly rolling the ball away from an offi-cial following a call he didn't like.

TANK McNamara



Tackling their final goal

Athens Games mark last hurrah for five women who helped raise bar for soccer

BY JOSEPH WHITE

n electronic sign at the national soccer training center near Los Angeles has been counting down

the days until the start of the Olympics, a simple tool meant to excite and motivate the U.S. women's team. For some of the team's greatest

stars, though, the sign has become the proverbial clock about to strike midnight.

"Every once in a while you catch yourself thinking about it," team captain Julie Foudy said. "It counts down every day. You watch that go and you think: 'I've got two months left in my soccer career.

"I want to make the best of it." The Athens Games are essentially the last hurrah for several players who

have defined vir-44 They've paved tually the entire history of the the road for women's soccer program. everybody to Mia Hamm, Joy Fawcett, Foudy follow them. probably and Kristine Without Foudy. Brandi and Hamm, Lilly, Chastain — five players who de-Fawcett. buted in the late 1980s for a team Chastain, it just that didn't even wouldn't have exist before 1985 — are end happened this ing a journey that turned an wau. obscure women's sport into a **April Heinrichs** major social phe-U.S. women's soccer coach

paved the road for everybody to follow them," coach April Hein-richs said. "Without Foudy, Hamm, Lilly, Fawcett, Chastain, it just wouldn't have happened this way.

The final mission for these veterans comes with a twist hardly befitting a farewell tour: In Greece, they'll have to avoid being beaten by the very monster they created.

The Americans popularized women's soccer in the 1990s and dominated it, winning two World Cups as well as the gold medal when the sport debuted at the 1996 Olympics. Only Norway and China were serious threats to a team that had won 84 percent of its games The rest of the world was suit-

ably inspired. More countries put more resources into women's soccer and developed their own stars. In the new millennium,

they have closed the gap.

"So many of our followers now believe we should win even when we're sleepwalking," Heinrichs said. "And that's not the case any-

Norway won the gold in the 2000 Olympics, and Germany took the World Cup title on U.S. soil last year. Although the Americans have won smaller tournaments in between, they now have their first losing streak in the two world championship events that matter most.

"It's probably something that Tiger Woods has to go through,' Hamm said. "We set our own standard. No one sets it for us. We want to win.

It's still true that no one can match the depth of the U.S. squad. The development of several young players through the now-suspended WUSA make this

year's team perhaps even better than the one that won the World Cup in 1999.

Looking the next Mia Hamm? How Abby about Wambach, who averaged nearly a goal per game in 2004 and is determined not to let her idols down their final Olympics. "It's just a

burning flame inside of me and inside of everyone else on this team that none of us want to let these

older women, these veterans, go out on that note," Wambach said. 'We want to send them off in the best way, in the way that most of them came in.3

Germany, China and Sweden are again expected to vie with the Americans for podium places in Athens but the tournament will sadly be missing a revival of the great U.S.-Norway rivalry. The defending champions didn't qualify because Europe didn't hold a qualifying tournament, instead relying on the order of finish from the World Cup to determine which teams to send.

The structure of the Olympic tournament is just as peculiar. Ten teams are split unevenly into three groups, forcing the teams in one group - which includes the United States - to play an extra game. The Americans, leg weary from three games in seven days, will play a quarterfinal



The USA's Mia Hamm and China's Bi Yan collide in an exhibition soccer match on Aug. 1. Hamm, who helped build the U.S. soccer team into a world champion, will end her international career in the Athens Games.

match against a team that has had much more rest

"It is bizarre structuring," Heinrichs said. "They'll have five to six days off, when we'll be functioning with two to three. It's a big difference."

The structure of the men's event is more straightforward four groups of four in a 16-team field - but the United States won't get a chance to build on its fourth-place finish in Sydney because it failed to qualify

In fact, none of the top four men's teams from 2000 qualified Athens, leaving under-20 champion Argentina as the probable favorite in a tournament that's notoriously hard to handicap because teams are limited to players under 23 years old with three exemptions.

The farewell theme for the U.S. women's veterans has a bit of a familiar ring. Many people thought Sydney would be the final call for Foudy, Chastain, Hamm and Co. Heinrichs at the time called it the end of an era. saying it was like having Larry Bird. Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan all on the same team for 10 years - and knowing it would never happen again.

Four years later, they are still going strong but finally ready to goodbye. Hamm, Fawcett and Foudy say this is definitely their last major international competition, although they might play another year or so in the WUSA if the league is revived. Chastain and Lilly say they'll wait until after the Olympics to decide their futures, Chastain will be 39 and Lilly 36 by the next World Cup.

"Sydney would have been a goodbye, but then we had the league starting, and so we all wanted to help build that," Foudy said. "But I'm not crying wolf this time. This will be it.'

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Each team is allowed two substitutions for players, and one for the goalkeeper. Once a player has been substituted for he or she cannot return.

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Cold War From 1952 to 1980, only teams from Communist Olympic Games countries were allowed to have professional players; other countries used only amateur players.

SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; FIFA; "The Complete Book of Summer Olympics," David Wallechinsky, "Sports: The Complete Visual Reference," François Fortin

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Ramstein's victory is no close shave $\begin{vmatrix} Pampling \\ lands & first \end{vmatrix}$

Johnson's 2 homers set tone vs. Belgium

BY RUSTY BRYAN Stars and Stripe

KUTNO, Poland - Ramstein's "Mr. August" left his mark on Little League Baseball's Transatlantic Regional tournament Monday

Chris Johnson, a 12-year-old pitcher-first baseman with the body type of a right-handed Babe Ruth, clubbed three-run home runs in each of his first two at-bats to power Ramstein to a 10-0 run-rule victory over Belgium.

Johnson also hit a three-run homer in his last at-bat on Sunday, giving him three consecutive three-run shots.

"I think the second one was a hanging curve ball, Johnson said of Monday's blasts, while rubbing up one of the very balls he hit out. "The first one

was a fast ball Officials in Kutno retrieve every home run ball and present it to the batter. Monday's pair

Little

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unned Johnson's total to four after four games of this tournament, and 17 for his 23 games this season.

"The umpires get the ball and put your name on it," said Johnson. "They also put on there how many were on base.'

Johnson smoked a run-scoring double down the left-field line in his final at-bat Monday. It gave him 10 RBIs in his last four trips to the plate in the round-robin event that determines which team of 11-to-12-year-old expatriates residing in Europe, the Middle East and Africa advances to the Little League World Series Aug. 20-29 in Williamsport, Pa.

Ramstein (3-1) is tied for second place with England champion London.

With Ramstein starter Augustin Ortiz pitching no-hit ball for the first three innings, Johnson's second clout gave the champs from Germany a commanding 6-0 lead on a fifth straight day of bright, breezy 80-degree sunshine at Little League's European headquar-

Belgium pitcher Sasha Trevoury attempted to intentionally walk Johnson in his final at-bat Monday, but coach Doug Rohn came out and instructed Trevoury to pitch to him. The result was a blistering shot down the line to the left-field fence.

Johnson also made a deft stab of a low line shot off Trevoury's bat to end the top of the fourth inning with his team up 7-0. Ramstein scored three runs in the bottom of the fourth



Netherlands third baseman Sam Phillips clearly savors watching Tyler Broome, with clippers, shave the scalp of his coach and father, Andy Broome, on Monday at the Little League picnic pavilion at Kutno. Poland. The elder Broome and two other coaches agreed to let the players shave their heads if the team won its game Sunday against Naples. It did. 14-10.

to reach the game-ending 10-run margin. Ortiz, 12, who plays shortstop when he's not pitching, struck five of 10 batters and walked one. He struck out the side in the second.

"I was here last year," said Ortiz, who throws a fastball and curve. "Our team this year is much better.

Ramstein will meet England, also 3-1, on Tuesday. The top four teams in the round robin advance to Thursday's semifinals, with the winners vying for the tournament crown and a trip to Williamsport on Friday after-

Saudi Arabia 11, England 0: England's three-game winning streak here foundered against a rock-solid Saudi Arabia team, which is bidding for a fifth straight trip to William-

Joel Reimer went the four-inning distance for Saudi Arabia, allowing just two hits and four base runners in the champions' fourth straight victory and third straight run-rule shutout in four innings

Reimer also went 3-for-3 with two two-run homers as Saudi Arabia pushed its aggregate score here to 55-1. Craig Denker also clubbed a two-run homer off London starter Charlie Smith England was coming off a 5-4 victory over

Belgium in Sunday's late game, which saw Lem Zeigler's solo homer to lead off the fourth give the Londoners a 5-2 lead. Belgium got a

two-run homer in the fifth from Trevoury and nearly tied it when the next batter flied out to the warning track in right.

Spain 4, Netherlands 0: Just before the game, Netherlands coaches Andy Broome, Marc Gratton and George Truini let their players administer basic-training-style skinhead haircuts to them as a reward for winning Sunday's game against Italy champion Naples.

Once the game started, however, Spain (2-3) did the trimming, ruining a masterful pitching performance by Netherlands starter Tyler Broome.

Broome matched shutout innings with Spain starter Paul Boerema for four innings, striking out eight and surrendering just one hit until Madrid broke through for three hits and four runs in the fifth

Broome finished with 11 strikeouts

For the second time in this tournament, diminutive Spain pitcher Paul Boerema posted a victory following an extra-inning loss. He went the six-inning distance, allowing three hits, singles to Grant Miller and Benoit Tremblay and a last-inning double to Shayne Rhyno. He fanned four and walked one.

The Netherlands (1-4), represented by an all-star team from Brunssum and Schinn plays Saudi Arabia on Tuesday. Italy (1-3) takes on Belgium in the day's other matchup. E-mail Rusty Bryan at:

PGA win with eagle

The Associated Press

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. - Rod Pampling made a 21-foot eagle putt from the fringe on the 17th hole to move past Alex Cejka and earn his first PGA Tour victory in The International on Sunday

Pampling had scored just two in the final round and trailed Cejka by three shots head-ing to the par-5 17th. After a long tee shot, Pampling landed his approach in the fringe just right of the flag. He



then curled in the putt pumping his fist it dropped to five earn

points under the tournament's modified Stableford scoring sys-

Pampling closed with a par to finish with 31 points, taking home the \$900,000 first-place check.

Cejka, who trailed by a point at the start of the round, was hurt by double bogevs on Nos. 8 and 16. losing six points on those two

Chris DiMarco, tied for the lead after three rounds, made the turn with 24 points after bogeys on Nos. 3, 5, 6, 8 and 9. He tied for sixth and picked up valuable Ryder Cup points, moving from 19th in the standings to 15th

Mallon edges Stupples by one stroke in Farr Classic

SYLVANIA, Ohio - Meg Mallon birdied three of the last four holes, including a 10-footer at the 18th, for a one-stroke victory over Karen Stupples and defending champion Se Ri Pak in the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic.

Mallon overcame a four-stroke deficit on the final six holes to move past Stupples, closing with a 3-under 68 for a 7-under 277 to win her third event of the year. She also won the U.S. Women's Open and Canadian Open last

Stupples and Pak narrowly missed birdie putts at the 18th that would have forced a playoff. Stupples had a 2-over 73 and Pak closed with a 68 at Highland Meadows Golf Club

Kite ends 21-month drought BLAINE, Minn. - Tom Kite

made three hindles over the final seven holes in a 3-under 69 for a one-stroke victory in the 3M Championship and his first Champions Tour victory in 21 months.

One week after losing the lead on the final four holes of the U.S. Senior Open, Kite moved ahead at No. 13 and secured the victory by rolling a 60-foot putt within two feet and tapping in for birdie at No. 18. He finished at 13-under 203, one stroke ahead of Craig Stadler who missed a 15-foot eagle putt on the final hole at the TPC of the Twin Cities.

Third-round leader Purtzer, Larry Nelson and Vicente Fernandez tied at 10 under.

Another Masters title for Agassi

MASON. Ohio - At an age

when most of his contemporaries have retired from championship tennis, Andre Agassi is as good as

ever "You can't get around the Tennis challenges are

different at 34 than they are at 24." Agassi said. "It's uncharted territory for me every year

Agassi heat 10th-seeded Llevton Hewitt 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 on Sunday to win the Cincinnati Masters, elevating his game as the week went

"Everybody has to choose their own road - what they're committed to, what's important to them, what their strengths are, their

weaknesses, their abilities," Agassi said "I mean, if I couldn't do it, then

I would be left with a different choice. But the fact that I felt like I can, now it's a function of work ethic and focus." commitment and

Clearly, Agassi can still play. He beat 21-year-old Andy Roddick in the semifinals, then wore down the 23-year-old Hewitt on Sunday. "This certainly gives me a new

life," Agassi said. "I came into this week with a lot of questions. So for me to end up winning was beyond what I could have expected

He broke Hewitt's serve three times, after the Australian had been broken only once in five matches

"I've really been doing a good

job this week of any time I get a chance to take the offense," Agassi said. "I've really been executing well, and that makes a big difference against the top guys. Because if you're not taking it to them, they're taking it to you.

The win was Agassi's first in 16 months. He hadn't reached an ATP Tour final since November in the Tennis Masters Cup. The first-place money — \$400,000 almost doubled his earnings for the year

Mauresmo takes Montreal title

MONTREAL - Amelie Mauresmo won the Rogers Cup for the second time Sunday, routing Elena Likhovtseva 6-1, 6-0 to end the unseeded Russian's string of

Mauresmo, seeded second, combined power and precision in



dre Agassi serves to Llevton Hewitt in the championship match of the Cincinnati Masters Sunday.

the 51-minute match. She is pro-jected to move up to a career-high No. 2 in the WTA Tour rankings Likhovtseva reached the final largely by outlasting opponents with a tenacious baseline game, but that didn't work against Mauresmo in the hard-court final at Uniprix Stadium.

Wakefield drilled into record book

Knuckleballer is first in 72 years to win despite yielding six homers

DETROIT - Tim Wakefield won a game and ended up in the

He enjoyed one feat much more than the other.

Wakefield gave up six homers, tying a modern major league last



ton Red Sox outslugged the Detroit Tigers 11-9 on Sunday.

"I'm glad we won, but that's just because the offense scored more runs than I gave up," Wakefield said. "I'd rather just forget about the whole thing.

David Ortiz's three-run shot



capped a six-run fourth inning, and Kevin Youkilis homered twice to help the Red Sox overcome seven Detroit home runs.

"I don't remember ever hitting two homers in pro ball." Youkilis said. "I'll remember this one. though.

Ivan Rodriguez and Eric Munson each connected twice for the Tigers on an unusual day at spacious Comerica Park. The teams combined for 10 homers, the most in the stadium's five-year history, and Detroit's seven were the most by one club.

Three flies to left wouldn't have been homers before the stadium fences were brought in last year. Wakefield (8-6) allowed two homers to Rodriguez and one each to Munson Craig Monroe

Carlos Pena and Dmitri Young. Yet the knuckleballer left after five innings with a 10-7 lead "He didn't have his best stuff

but give him credit - he stayed out there for five innings," Boston manager Terry Francona said. "I've never seen the ball carry like it did today - it was just flying all over the place."

Wakefield is the sixth pitcher since 1900 to yield six homers, the first since George Caster of the Philadelphia Athletics against the Red Sox on Sept. 24, 1940. The previous Red Sox record of five was shared by Dennis Eckersley (1979) and Wakefield (1996).

Brooklyn's Hollis Thurston was the last pitcher to give up six homers and win the game, beating the New York Giants at the Polo

ished, securing Wakefield's third straight victory. Keith Foulke pitched a perfect ninth for his 18th save in 23 chances





nore's Miguel Tejada avoids Texas baserunner Gary Matthews to complete a double play during the fifth inning of Sunday's 11-5 victory.

ie Williams hit his 10th career grand slam, leading the homestanding Yankees to their fifth straight victory. Jon Lieber (8-7) allowed four hits and became the fourth consecutive New York starter to pitch eight innings.

Orioles 11, Rangers 5: Melvin Mora homered and drove in four runs to back a strong pitching performance by Sidney Ponson (7-12) and the host Orioles won their season-high sixth straight. Raltimore mughed un Kenny

Rogers (13-5) and defeated Texas for the eighth straight time over two seasons

Devil Rays 5, Mariners 1: Rookie B.J. Upton hit a tiebreaking single in the bottom of the sixth for his first major league RBI and Rob Bell (5-5) allowed one unearned run in seven innings. Jamie Moyer (6-8) fell to in 10 starts since his last win on June 18

White Sox 3, Indians 2: Timo Perez scored from first on Ben Davis' long single in the ninth to help the White Sox snap a four-game skid. Jose Contreras pitched eight innings and was in line for a victory in his home debut with Chicago before Victor Martinez homered off Damaso Marte in the ninth to tie it.

Angels 6, Royals 4: Jose Guillen tied the game with a homer in the ninth off Nate Field (2-3), and David Eckstein's sui-cide squeeze drove in the go-ahead run for visiting Ana-

A's survive 18 innings for victory

MINNEADOLIS - The Oakland Athletics needed 11 innings to solve Minnesota's bullpen. At that, it was just enough.

Jermaine Dye's tiebreaking RBI single keyed a three-run 18th inning and Oakland withstood another shaky outing by closer Oc-tavio Dotel to beat the Twins 6-5 Sunday.

"The way this game is, until the last out, anything can happen, Dve said

It was the second-longest game in the 23-year history of the Met-rodome, Cleveland and Minnesota played 22 innings on Aug. 31,

This one matched the longest game in the major leagues this season. Texas beat Seattle 9-7 in 18 innings on June 24.

After starting pitchers Mark Mulder and Carlos Silva each allowed three runs, the bullpens took over and kept it tied 3-3 until the 18th. Each team used seven pitchers in a game that lasted 4 hours 57 minutes

The A's broke through at last against Terry Mulholland (3-5), who was scheduled to start Tuesday at Seattle but had to be summoned in relief after the Twins exhausted all but one reliever. That was Juan Rincon, who had pitched three innings over the past two games

"Terry took the ball," Minnesota manager Ron Gardenhire said. 'It probably wasn't fair, but we didn't have fair out there today

Marco Scutaro hit a one-out single and went to third on Eric Chavez's single. Dye then looped a single to center to put Oakland ahead. After Scott Hatteberg flied out, Erubiel Durazo and Damian Miller each hit an RBI single. making it 6-3.

But it wasn't over. Dotel, who blew his last two save chances, gave up a two-run

homer to Justin Morneau in the bottom of the 18th before finishing for his ninth save in 13 chances with Oakland.

Tosca pays price for Jays' bad year

By HAL BOCK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Toronto General Manager J.P. Ricciardi had seen enough

With the listless Blue Jays mired in last place in the AL East, Ricciardi fired manager Carlos Tosca on Sunday and promoted first-base coach John Gibbons to interim manager for the rest of

"We may have been starting to mail it in a little bit," Ricciardi

Tosca was fired after the Blue Jays dropped their fifth straight game, an 8-2 loss to the New York Yankees. Toronto is 47-64, a season-high 17 games under .500 and 241/2 games behind the first-place Vankees

"We have six or seven weeks left in the season and the team showed signs of not playing hard," Ricciardi said, "We have an obligation to try and do as well as we can. It wasn't an easy decision. It never is when you have to tell someone who does what he loves that it's being taken away

"Carlos has been in the game a long time and he knows how it

from him

Tosca was in trouble when the Blue Jays started the season in reverse and his fate was sealed by an expanding disabled list that robbed him of Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay, slugger Carlos Delgado and regulars Vernon Wells and Frank Catalanotto for long stretches.

Coming off six consecutive

third-place finishes in the AL East, the Blue Jays added Ted Lilly, Miguel Batista, Pat Hentgen and reliever Kerry Ligten-berg to the pitching staff in the offseason and hoped to contend for a playoff spot.

Hentgen struggled mightily and has since retired. Ligtenberg, Justin Speier and the rest of bull pen failed time and again, and last season's powerful offense fell

off dramatically. "We had expectations of build-

ing off what we did last year," Ric-ciardi said. "We won 86 games last year and we had six weeks of spring training to get ready. We got off to a poor start. We were 8-18 and we dug a hole for ourselves. We never really recovered from that.

In just over two years, the Blue Jays compiled a 189-191 record under Tosca's stewardship.

Major League Baseball scoreboard

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Dodgers lose Penny before falling to Phillies

L.A. starter injures biceps early; Myers fans nine in eight innings

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Philadelphia's Brett Myers walked off the field feeling good about his latest outing. Los Angeles' Brad Penny jumped off the mound in pain Myers pitched two-hit ball for eight shutout innings and struck



out son-high nine, leading the Phillies to a 4-1 road victorv over the Dodgers Sunday.

"Everything felt good coming out of my hand today, and I wasn't holding anything back," Myers said. "I was just trying to throw it as hard as I could on every pitch and I was locating my fastball pretty good."

In just his second outing for Los Angeles since he was acquired in a trade with Florida, Penny left in the first inning with a strained right biceps. He was scheduled for an MRI on Monday.

"At first, I thought I might have a cramp or something," Penny said. "I felt it when I released the ball at full extension. I felt fine warming up before the game. Any time something like that happens, it's frustrating. But at least it wasn't my elbow or shoulder.'

The Dodgers are hoping Penny (9-9) won't be sidelined long.

"His injury will be something really tough to swallow if it's something major," teammate Shawn Green said. "He's a key guy going down the wire and we



Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny grimaces after throwing a pitch against the Phillies on Sunday.

Penny was hurt on his 14th pitch. Assistant trainer Matt Wilson came out of the dugout with manager Jim Tracy to check on Penny, who threw one warmup pitch and bounced off the mound writhing in pain before Wilson led him to the clubhouse.

"I've been told that there is no history of that with him - nothing that would even remotely suggest that there's been any trouble, as far as a biceps situation is concerned," Tracy said

Myers (7-8) held the Dodgers hitless until the sixth. He allowed only four baserunners and combined with Tim Worrell on a four-hitter

Chase Utley hit a solo homer two batters before Penny left. Bobby Abreu drove in his 80th run with a sacrifice fly, helping the Phillies conclude their longest



Cincinnati's Wily Mo Pena hits a two-run single against the Colorado Rockies in the first inning on Sunday. Pena drove in a career-high five runs before leaving in the sixth with cramps. The Reds won 14-7.

record after losing six of the first seven games. They took two of three against the Dodgers and won the season series 5-1

Giants 6. Cubs 3: Rookie Noah Lowry had another impressive start and Dustan Mohr made a run-saving diving catch in the warning track dirt in the eighth inning in San Francisco.

Lowry (2-0) also added a second-inning single and a double in the fourth. He struck out six and walked one in 71/3 innings, allowing two earned runs on eight hits. New Giants closer Dustin Hermanson finished for his first save

Chicago's Kerry Wood (6-5) worked six innings and failed to et a strikeout for the first time in 155 major league starts.

Reds 14. Rockies 7: Wilv Mo Pena homered and had a career-high five RBIs in Denver before leaving in the sixth inning

with cramps and dehydration. Pena, who has 11 home runs and 27 RBIs in his last 26 games, was 3-for-4 with two singles and his career-best 18th homer to help the Reds salvage the finale of the three-game series. Felipe Lopez, D'Angelo Jimen-

ez, Jason LaRue and Sean Casey drove in two runs each for the Reds, who set season highs with 14 runs and 16 hits

The Reds pounded Jeff Fassero (2-8) for a career-high 11 runs and 11 hits in three-plus innings. Brewers 2. Marlins 0: Chris

Capuano pitched six shutout innings and visiting Milwaukee ended a five-game losing streak. Bill Hall and Brady Clark had

RBI singles for Milwaukee, which snapped its longest skid of the season with its fifth win in 20

Capuano (6-6) allowed five hits and one walk before departing for a pinch hitter with a 2-0 lead. It was the first time in 15 starts that the rookie didn't give up a run.

Dontrelle Willis (8-8) allowed two runs in 71/3 innings with a ca-reer-high 10 strikeouts for the Marlins, whose three-game winning streak ended.

Cardinals 6, Mets 2: Edgar Renteria tied his career high with five hits and St. Louis handed Al Leiter (8-4) his worst loss of the year, completing a three-game sweep of New York at Busch Sta-

Jason Marquis (12-4) nitched six innings to win his ninth straight decision for the Cardinals, who have won 16 of 20 and improved their record to a major

league-best 72-38. Scott Rolen was 3-for-4 with an RBI and So Taguchi hit a two-run double for St. Louis, which had 12

Larry Walker started his first game for the Cardinals and was 1-for-3 with an opposite-field RBI double, a walk and two strikeouts.

Expos 5, Astros 2: Alex Gonzaand Brian Schneider hit back-to-back homers, and Montreal beat Roger Clemens in Hous-

Clemens (12-4) went seven in nings and allowed three runs one earned — on eight hits. He struck out five and walked one. and had his first career two-hit

The game was tied 1-1 in the seventh when the Expos rallied against the All-Star Game starter. The Expos took the series 2-1

from Houston and have won five of eight.

Pirates 4, Padres 2: Randall Simon hit a go-ahead solo homer in the sixth and Oliver Perez (7.6) pitched into the seventh inning against his former team, leading Pittsburgh to a victory in San Diego

Humberto Cota also hit a solo homer for Pittsburgh, which won consecutive road games for the first time since ending a threegame road winning streak on July 5. The Pirates won for just the third time in 11 games overall.

Braves 11, Diamondbacks 4: Chipper Jones homered and drove in four runs to lead visiting

Atlanta to its fifth straight victory Russ Ortiz (13-6) got his 13th win and Eddie Perez went 4-for-5 with two homers for the streaking Braves, who have won 10 of 11 and 14 of 16. Atlanta, which is 31-9 since losing a season-high three straight games in late June, remained 51/2 games ahead of Philadelphia in the NL East

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Rockies' Cook out for season with blood clots

DENVER - Colorado Rockies pitcher Aaron Cook has blood clots in both lungs and will miss the rest of the season. Manager Clint Hurdle said the condition is not life threatening and the 25-year-old right-hander is being treated with

"It's a six-month process, which will shut him down for the rest of the season," Hurdle said. Cook left in the third inning of Saturday's home

game because he felt lightheaded and dizzy. The game-time temperature was 78 degrees on an unusually humid day.

Cook was taken to Rose Medical Center for tests which revealed the clots. Hurdle said Cook remained in the hospital Sunday while doctors try to

find the cause. Cook (6-4) has a 4.28 ERA in 16 starts. He had a game victory over Arizona on Aug. 1.

"He did all his road work, his running work and it wasn't until 48 hours before his start that [he] experienced any type of dizziness and shortr breath, which anybody that runs at high altitude can tell you that can happen and not given a second thought from time to time," Hurdle said.

"He did say that a couple of days prior to that he had a little dizziness and shortness of breath," Hurdle added. "He gave it no thought because it hap

pened before." Jeff Fassero will take Cook's next scheduled start on Friday in Pittsburgh.

Boyfriend of injured judo champ jumps off balcony

ATHENS, Greece - The boyfriend of a Greek judo champion who fell from a third-floor balcony jumped from the same spot Monday and was also critically in-



Giorgos Chrisosto-24. mides was on life-support in the intensive care unit of Ath-ens' Evangelismos hospital after

jumping his girlfriend's from apartment, police said. Eleni Ioannou 20 was in critical condition at another Athens hospital after she

fell from the balcony Saturday following an argument with Chrisostomides. Police are investigating how she fell They had questioned Chrisostomides but

released him. Ioannou, a student at the Athens Gyman in a sport that only recently gained popularity in Greece. With only four years of experience, she had won three national championships, and a bronze medal in 1992 in the Balkan championships.

Georgia LB suspended for three games ATHENS, Ga. — Georgia linebacker

Odell Thurman has been suspended for the first three games of the season for violating

Thurman will be allowed to practice, but will miss games against Georgia Southern, South Carolina and Marshall. The junior could return for the Oct. 2 game against LSU, a rematch of last year's Southeastern Conference championship game.

Thurman, who had 121 tackles last sea son, reported to Athens with the rest of his teammates on Saturday. Preseason practice begins Monday.

Goosen, Price withdraw from PGA

HAVEN, Wis. - U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen and three-time major winner Nick Price withdrew Sunday from the PGA Championship because of injury and family obligations.

Goosen, No. 6 in the world ranking, was injured in a jet ski accident two weeks ago that also caused him to pull out of The International, although his managers expected him to be ready for Whistling Straits.

Price, who won the PGA Championship in 1992 at Bellerive and in 1994 at Southern Hills, is skipping the final major for the second straight time. He skipped last year to spend an extra week of vacation with his

Jones wins twice in Olympic tuneup

MUNICH, Germany - Marion Jones won twice Sunday in her first competition in more than three weeks, capturing the U.S. 400-meter relay team that had the best time in the world this year.

Jones helped lead the United States to victory in a meet against Germany and France. The meet was used by U.S. coaches mostly as a chance to practice relays before the Athens Games, which begin Fri-

U.S. women's team routs France

SALAMANCA, Spain - Lisa Leslie scored 12 points and Sue Bird added 11, leading the U.S. women's Olympic team to a 68-38 victory over France on Sunday at the Spanish International Tournament

The Americans, winners of the past two Olympic gold medals, rallied from an early 10-5 deficit and tied the game on a pair of free throws by Tina Thompson with 3:29 left in the first quarter.

Leslie hit a layup a minute later to give the Americans the lead for good.

Tagliani notches first win

ELKHART LAKE, Wis. lack of fans and money might plague Road America, but the fun never wavers

Alex Tagliani finally finished first Sunday in what could be the last Champ Car stop at the fa-mous four-mile circuit unless both sides reach a contract agreement for next year.

Tagliani who crashed in practice Friday and didn't get to race in the first round of qualifying, passed Rodolfo Lavin four laps from the finish to secure his first career victory in 85 races.

"This race is for all the guys right here," Tagliani said, pointing to his crew celebrating 2-year-old Rocketsports Racing's first victory. "I made them work very hard.

After crashing Friday, Taglian-i's team spent Saturday trying to fix a gearbox problem.

"The only problem-free day was Sunday," he said.

Tagliani had thought he'd get his first win here four years ago, when he was the leader with six laps left before a gearbox problem dropped him to 13th.

So, when he took the lead Sun day six laps from the end he got nervous, and when he saw the white flag he was a bundle of emotions

"A lot of things went through my mind, a lot," said the 31-year-old Canadian who had finished second three times in his career, including at Elkhart Lake in 2002. "It was something that I was waiting for a long time. I was leading in Brazil, leading in Australia. I ran out of fuel. Leading here, in Montreal."

Tagliani started in the 13th spot. Points leader and pole-sitter Sebastien Bourdais finished third after an eventful day that included five vellow flags that resulted in the planned 52-lap race going just 48 because of an hour, 45-minute time limit, Tagliani's winning speed was 110.903 mph.



NASCAR Nextel Cups points leader Jimmie Johnson spins out during the Brickyard 400 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday, Johnson finished 36th, shrinking his series lead over Jeff Gordon to 97 points.

Indy: Tire problems cut down field

INDY, FROM BACK PAGE

Maybe so. But on Sunday, Gordon was the class of the field and the most dominant driver Indy has seen in either race in quite some time

He led 124 of the 161 laps and pulled out to cushy leads after several restarts. He was challenged on every late restart - including the final one that led to one extra lan because a late caution flag led to NASCAR's first implementation of its new green-white-checkered flag that ensures racing at the end.

But runner-up Dale Jarrett and Elliott Sadler, his teammate, never really challenged Gordon and he pulled away for his fifth win of the season and the 69th of his NASCAR career

There was a point when he thought his day was ruined.

He was racing out front on lap 142 when he hit a piece of debris on the track. It knocked a hole in Gordon's fender and damaged Matt Kenseth's car as well.

Kenseth, who was in second, forfeited the position to pit and have his tires changed out of fear were damaged. They weren't, and it cost Kenseth the

race.
"I ran over it and I thought we

were done," Gordon said. "I thought it got the right front and the fender. And I looked in my mirror and it looked like Matt had gotten it, too.

Gordon had no damage and went on to cross the finish line, yelling into his radio: "Let's go kiss those bricks, yeah." It's part of NASCAR tradition

started in 1996 — the third year the race was held here two-time Brickyard winner Jarrett of the victorious driver and team kneeling and kissing the vard of bricks that mark the Indy finish line

Gordon stopped his Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet on the front straightaway, scrambled out of the car and hugged team owner Rick Hendrick, then stood staring for a long moment at what is left of the original brick track.

"That yard of bricks right there is so special and it feels so incredi-

ble to win this race," Gordon said. A rash of flat tires caused most of the crashes and caution flags throughout the day, and the final yellow came out because Ricky Rudd, Mark Martin and Dale Earnhardt Jr. were all running slowly and losing positions be-cause of flats on the last two laps.

From Jason Leffler losing a tire

a few laps into the race, Robby Gordon's bursting apart when he was running in third, to the final one, at least a dozen cars had their day ruined by rubber. "The left-front went flat," said

Martin, who was racing for a top 10 finish before he lost his tire on the final lap and finished 25th. "Evidently, there was some sort of a tire problem today. I know a number of people had that."

Earnhardt's crew was just as

angry about their last-lap tire Well on his way to a top-10 fin-

ish — a much-needed result after weeks of poor runs — Earnhardt ended up 27th. "It's a hell of a heartbreak to

nave a tire cut down on the last

Earnhardt ran a whole race for the first time since being burned in a sports car crash July 18. Junior said he is still in some pain from the burns to his legs, but was more upset about the flat tire that cost him dearly at the end.

Series leader Jimmie Johnson, coming off a victory at Pocono, had a miserable day and wound up failing to finish for only the third time this season. Johnson survived a spin after a flat tire but went out after just 88 laps with an engine failure and finished 36th.

Brickyard 400

NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Sunday At Indianapolis Motor Speedway Indianapolis Lap length: 2.5 miles (Start position in parentheses) (11) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 1

4. (12) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 161, \$263,325. 5. (24) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 161, \$247,278. \$247,278. 6. (35) Greg Biffle, Ford, 161, \$188,175. 7. (8) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 161, \$179,025. 8. (32) Kevin Harvick, Characteristics

\$205,178. 9. (18) Bill Elliott, Dodge, 161, \$156,300. 10. (15) Kurt Busch, Ford, 161, \$172,900. 11. (13) Jeremy Mayfield, Dodge, 161, \$174,050. \$174,050. 12. (19) Jeff Burton, Ford, 161, \$177,342. 13. (29) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 161, \$178,658.

658. (14) Jeff Green, Dodge, 161. 14. (14) Jeff Green, Cooper \$164,075. 15. (39) Bobby Labonte, Chevrolet, 161, \$180,333. 16. (23) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 161, \$192,603. 17. (4) Joe Nemechek, Chevrolet, 161, 18. (31) Ken Schrader, Dodge, 161, \$133,900.

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\$146,505. 25. (16) Mark Martin, Ford, 161, \$134,380. 26. (1) Casey Mears, Dodge, 161, \$139,539. \$139,539.
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38. (21) Terry Labonte, Chevrolet, 72, accident, \$143,360.
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Elway leads 2004 class into Hall of Fame

Sanders, Eller and Brown join elite company

BY BARRY WILNER

CANTON. Ohio - Imagine John Elway and Barry Sanders in the same backfield. They could.

On Sunday, they shared the same stage as two of the four in-ductees into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. They joined Carl Eller and Bob Brown in bringing the Hall's membership to 225

The resourceful Elway and the slippery Sanders also thought about how much they could have

done as teammates "Now you're trying to get me excited." said Sanders, who never won a championship — his big-gest regret. "That's something that I've thought often about and wondered about. When you look at my 10 years, the teams that won Super Bowls usually had a dynamic, great quarterback like Joe Montana, Steve Young, Troy Aik-

man and, of course, John Elway. "If I had John Elway,



Barry Sanders, John Elway, Carl Eller, and Bob Brown, from left to right, pose with theirs busts after the four players were inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame Sunday in Canton, Ohio.

would've won the Super Bowl every year I played." Elway seconds the notion.

"I'll call him the best ever to play the game," Elway said. "You never knew if he was going to make your jaw drop with a 2-yard loss, or an 80-yard gain. Even though we played in the same league, I was one of his fans."

Many of the fans at the ceremony in Fawcett Stadium were decked out in Broncos orange or blue jerseys with the No. 7 on Elway surveyed them, heard the cheers, and offered a

"To all the Broncos fans out

there, thank you for everything," said Elway, the first Bronco in-ducted. "And a final Mile High Salute is for every one of you out

He also saluted team owner Pat Bowlen and all of his former team-

"This one is for Pat and for every Broncos fan out there,

Elway said. "For every guy who ever stepped on the field with me. I accept this honor today on behalf of all of you. Thanks for protecting me, catching my passes, defending our goal line, sharing our highs and lows. And thanks for not losing confidence in me

rookie behind the left guard.

After guiding Denver to its second straight NFL title following the 1998 season - it was his fifth Super Bowl appearance — Elway had more victories (148) than any quarterback in history. He engi neered 47 game-winning or tying drives in the fourth quarter or overtime. He threw for 51,407 yards, more than 30 miles, and 300 touchdowns.

Sanders was just as dominant on the ground as Elway was through the air. Using dekes and jukes that seemed to defy physics, he rushed for more than 1,000 vards in all 10 of his seasons with the Detroit Lions. Sanders had 76 100-yard rushing performances, 15,269 yards rushing overall and five 1.500-yard seasons.

But at 31, he walked away from the game in 1999, well within reach of Walter Payton's career rushing mark that Emmitt Smith now owns. On Sunday, Sanders became the third-youngest Hall of Fame inductee, behind Gale Savers and Jim Brown

"I do know I missed out on play ing in a Super Bowl," Sanders said. "I'll always regret that, but I do feel like I had a fulfilling ca-

Introduced by his father, Will-

iam, as "the third-best running back who ever lived," - behind Brown and, according to the senior Sanders, himself — Barry credited his dad for "the great le son that allowed him to be a great

"He said 'Son play the game the way it is supposed to be played," Sanders recalled. 'Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Go out and play the way you are capable of."

While both Elway and Sanders made a mockery of defenses throughout their record-setting careers, Brown was one of the premier blockers of his era. Eller was a star defensive end with the Purple People Eaters in Minneso ta. Each had to wait more than two decades to get into the Hall.

"I wish I could have played with Bob Brown, and I am glad I didn't have to play against Carl Eller," Elway said.

Brown made five All-Pro teams and six Pro Bowls playing for the Eagles, Rams and Raiders. A ferocious run blocker and pass protector, Brown was nicknamed "Boomer" for his hits.

Eller retired in 1979 after 16 NFL seasons. A five-time All-Pro who played in six Pro Bowls and four Super Bowls, he made a habit of recovering fumbles, grabbing 23 in his career.



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Indiana's favorite son

Brickyard win No. 4 puts Gordon among all-time greats at his home speedway

> BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Jeff Gordon was on the fast-track to certain success at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

He was a young racer living in nearby Pittsboro, destined to move out of sprints and midgets and into the open-wheel cars that could take him to the Indianapolis 500.

Then his career took a detour, and Gordon made a switch to stock cars. NASCAR didn't race at Indy, and it appeared that the kid who grew up idolizing A.J. Foyt, Rick Mears and Al Unser Sr. would never get a chance on the storied track.

But The Yard of Bricks was opened to him in 1994 when Indy invited NASCAR to race in the Brickyard 400. Gordon won the inaugural race, and added titles in 1998 and 2001.

On Sunday, Gordon won another Brickyard 400 to join his three childhood heroes as the only

four-time winners in Indianapolis history.

Foyt, Mears and Unser all did it in the Indy 500 and Gordon wouldn't dare place his accomplish-

ment alongside of theirs.
"I don't compare myself to Rick Mears and A.J.
Foyt, Al Unser," he said. "To me, the Indy 500 is
something unique and totally different than the
Brickyard 400. You know, I just will never allow
those comparisons.

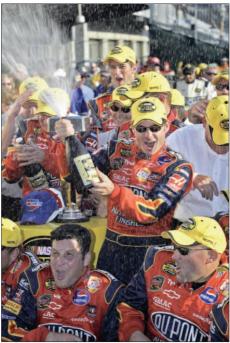
"I'm very proud to be a four-time winner, but I just will never allow those comparisons to really put us among equals with those Indy 500 winners"

In fact, Gordon revealed Sunday that as a child, he never dared to daydream he was one of them or wish he could someday race alongside of them. "They were too far out there for me to even com-

"They were too far out there for me to even comprehend," he said. "To race at that level, and at the Speedway, that was just something I couldn't even comprehend."

Some will always place an asterisk next to Gordon's name in the Indy annals, insistent that the Brickyard is not nearly as important as the Indy 500. They will argue that stock cars are much easier to drive, that Gordon is not nearly the driver the other Indy ereats are.

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Late wreck costs Newman

How the drivers battling for the final spots in NASCAR's Chase for the Cup fared this week. Ten drivers will qualify for the 10-race shootout, which begins Sept. 19:



Bobby Labonte

Solidfied his position in the top 10 with a 15th-place finish at Indy. He's 42 points ahead of Newman heading into this week's race at Walkins Glen.



Tock advantage of Newman's crash with an eighth-place finished and moved into ninth overall, 20 points up on Newman with five races to go.



Ryan Newman
His crash with Brian Vickers
brought out the final caution of
the race, and his 31st-place
finish dropped him onto the
10th-place bubble.



Kasey Kahne
Moved a point ahead of
Mayfield with his fourth-place
finish — his third straight in the
top 10. Trails Newman by 31

Jeremy Mayfield
His 11th-place finish — following three top-10s — edged him
closer to the bubble, even
though he fell a spot. He's just
32 points out of 10th place.



Dale Jarrett

Hard-charging veteran finished second and surged into 12th place, 55 points away from the bubble spot. There's still time to make a run at another title.

